



New school ready to take Year Seven pupils in 2019

- 120 student places on offer at Sir Frederick Gibberd College set to alleviate overcrowded classes in district
- First intake to be taught in temporary building while permanent site in Tendring Road is under construction
- Parents apply on spot for their child's place at recent open morning after full plans outlined by headteacher

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The Forever Jackson show comes to Harlow this week

JACKSON TRIBUTE

FOREVER JACKSON: HARLOW PLAYHOUSE, PLAYHOUSE SQUARE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7.30PM
 Robin Parsons is Michael Jackson, singing live and accompanied by a live band, used to supporting the likes of Beyonce, Katie Perry, The Script, and many more.

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The band have the look, the sound, the hits, the energy, the party atmosphere but most importantly, warmth with their audiences.

This band keep their set tight and only perform the major hits, no semi known album tracks.

Jon is the voice of Jon Bon Jovi on many recordings including Sony's Buzz. Tickets £12.60. For more details visit: www.thehornbs.co.uk

COMEDY NIGHT

STAND UP FOR HARLOW: THE VICTORIA HALL THEATRE, OLD



The Gabriel Litchin Trio perform in Saffron Walden

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LAID-BACK JAZZ

FOYER JAZZ CLUB - GABRIEL LATCHIN TRIO: AUDLEY END ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 8PM End the week with a laid-back evening in the Saffron Hall foyer.

A well-stocked bar, food trucks serving a superb selection of street food, plus live music from the Gabriel Latchin Trio.

Known as a first-call sideman, jazz pianist Gabriel launches his solo career with his debut straight-ahead album in the classic piano trio tradition. Gabriel is quickly gaining the respect of his peers both in the UK and US. Christian McBride first recognised his talents while Latchin was still a student at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and recently called him personally to perform with him at Wigmore Hall.

The concert featured opera star Renée Fleming and was well received by audience and critics alike. Tickets £13.50. For more details visit:

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OPEN MIC NIGHT

CHRIS AND MIKEY'S OPEN MIC NIGHT: THE SHARK, HOBTOE ROAD, COLT HATCH, LITTLE PARNDON, HARLOW THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 8.30PM A warm welcoming evening hosted by Chris Talbot, acoustic maestro, and Mikey Wiggat of Fubar fame.

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Bon Jovi UK capture the sound of the original band

Mum who suffered blood poisoning after childbirth campaigns to raise awareness

Scientist who nearly died from sepsis designs kit to save lives

By Alasdair Hooper
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A PRINCESS Alexandra Hospital biomedical scientist has designed a new kit to save lives after almost losing hers to sepsis.

Eva Nkansah had two episodes of sepsis but on the first occasion almost died as she was unaware of the symptoms or the severity of her condition.

Now she is campaigning to raise awareness of the dangers of sepsis and is so committed to the fight that she came up with a special kit for Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust, where she now works.

Diagnosis

"I nearly lost my life with my first episode of sepsis since it took me too long before seeking help," said Eva, describing the shock of her diagnosis, shortly after she had her first baby.

"I had sepsis twice within five years following two caesarean sections.

"I had my son through caesarean section in a hospital in London where I lived and was discharged home after three days. I was well when I was discharged.

"However, after a few days at my home I started feeling very tired, out of breath, feeling hot

ABOUT THE CONDITION

■ Sepsis (also known as blood poisoning) is a life-threatening condition which kills 44,000 people in the UK annually.

■ Early recognition and treatment is key to reducing

mortality connected with sepsis. With early diagnosis, it can be treated with antibiotics

■ Symptoms of sepsis will appear differently between adults and children.

and cold with shivering and with general body weakness.

"I didn't really take these symptoms seriously and attributed it to part of being a new mum, and besides, taking care of my newborn was my priority.

"This went on for days until one night I nearly dropped my baby whilst breastfeeding due to extreme shivering. I panicked and the next morning I decided to seek help.

"I dragged myself to my GP and was found to have severe sepsis. I was breathless and my blood pressure was very low.

"My GP decided to call an ambulance for me. I refused and insisted on going home to get my son before attending A&E.

"My GP gave me a letter to take to A&E with my son urgently. Upon arrival at A&E I presented my letter and straight away I was admitted. I had more than five

health professionals attending to me.

"That was when I realised how sick I was."

After realising just how ill she had become, Eva explained just what doctors found.

"Upon examination part of my caesarean wound was found to be opened and infected with collection of fluid," she said.

"The fluid was drained and blood samples were taken. Blood cultures are used to detect the presence of bacteria in the blood, to identify the type present, and to guide treatment. Testing is used to identify a blood infection (septicaemia) that can lead to sepsis.

"I spent two weeks in hospital on IV antibiotics, received blood transfusions and had kidney and heart complications.

"I had sepsis again after a second caesarean session and wasted no time in seeking help.



Eva Nkansah almost lost her life to sepsis

"My prompt decision meant I received treatment without being admitted as an inpatient."

Following her own ordeal Eva was keen to support the hospital's campaign to improve the response for patients with sepsis.

With her help the sepsis project team have seen major improvements in the time it takes for a sepsis patient to receive the appropriate treatment.

The latest figures for the month of March were the lowest the Trust had seen in many years.

Although major inroads have

been made, the identification and recognition of sepsis is the most challenging and Eva is now eager that the hospital's awareness messages on World Sepsis Day today (Thursday, September 13) reach the widest possible audience.

Information

PAHT will be supporting World Sepsis Day by offering information and advice to patients and visitors. Specialist healthcare staff will also be on hand to speak to the public from 9am at the visitor centre and Alexandra res-

taurant at the hospital in Hamstel Road, Harlow CM20 1QX.

"As a biomedical scientist I have used my sepsis story to contribute positively to the care we give to our sepsis patients at PAHT," Eva added.

"I have shared my story with colleagues to raise awareness and have worked closely with the sepsis and acute kidney injury teams to introduce a new coloured blood culture pack which is now used across the whole trust.

"I am pleased my experience can have a positive effect."

St Elizabeth's charity shop to open in premises empty since bank shut

A NEW charity shop is set to replace a former bank in Harlow town centre.

The new St Elizabeth's on Terminus Street will be the third for Harlow, with funds raised going towards the charity, which offers support to more than 200 vulnerable children, young people and adults with epilepsy and other complex medical conditions.

Essex

St Elizabeth's marketing officer Jo Gill said: "The new shop opening in Terminus Street is St Elizabeth's 11th charity shop - we have shops all over Herts and Essex.

"It is our third in Harlow alone, as we have one in Bush Fair and Staple Tye.

"Our Staple Tye shop currently is our most successful shop."

The large store has been empty

following the closure of Barclays Bank some time ago, yet is currently being filled with stock in preparation for the opening of St Elizabeth's.

New stock will specialise in clearance and large furniture items.

Items sold will contribute directly towards providing St Elizabeth's different services.

This includes days and trips out, new equipment, facilities and therapy.

"Like all of our shops, people can expect a very warm and welcoming atmosphere at the shop with lots of purple," continued Jo.

"Many of our shops do not feel like your typical charity shop.

"We pride ourselves on giving customers a very boutique, unique experience."

The British Heart Foundation Furniture and Electrical, situated further up on Terminus Street, closed its doors in August after ten years of trading in the town centre.

The decision to close the store came after the charity saw a huge reduction in customer spending and footfall and bosses failed to see things improving.

Support

Staff, volunteers, customers and donors were thanked for all their support over the last decade.

For more information on how to donate or volunteer at the new St Elizabeth's store e-mail angela.fordrey@stelizabeths.org.uk

St Elizabeth's will open next Tuesday (September 18), at 10am.



The new St Elizabeth's shop will open next Tuesday

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PAH FUTURE: 'I think here has been an informal decision made at the very top Confidence growing that new hospital will be given go-ahead

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A NEW hospital in Harlow is one of seven schemes that will be given the go ahead by the Government, Essex county councillors have been told.

An area in Harlow close to the M11, and another where thousands of homes are being developed, have been revealed as two greenfield sites being considered for a new hospital for the town.

A third option would see the existing Princess Alexandra Hospital buildings in the centre of the town being replaced with a brand new complex.

The PAH board has argued that the current estate is no longer fit for purpose and to continue improving its clinical care in the face of a predicted significant population growth for Harlow, a new hospital is vital.

The multi-million pound project proposal is being worked through by the Government.

Decision

Andrew Geldard, Chief Officer for West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) said: "I think there has been an informal decision made at the very top that the redevelopment of PAH for want of a better term is one of seven schemes that will progress.

"We have no certainty of how much funding is behind that but we have a degree of confidence there is an acceptance at the very highest level that this is one of the schemes that the Secretary of State, the Department of Health, all the other bits of the regulatory system want to see happen.

"What we are doing is mixing in the traditional approvals process of doing a strategic outline case, an outline business case and a full business case, but it does feel to me we have a high degree of confidence the decision is in the wings waiting.

"It's a case of how we get to a sensible solution that makes those making the decision comfortable with what we are doing."

Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow



The preferred greenfield site, which will have to be around 14 hectares in size, is due to be announced in October while the preferred option of either staying on site in a phased scheme, or moving elsewhere, is to be announced in February 2019.

Discussions with land owners on both sites are progressing well, Chief Executive of PAH, Lance McCarthy said.

If either of the two offsite options are preferred, the hospital will go out to public consultation.

Mr McCarthy added: "There are seven schemes that have been identified requiring more than £100m, of which PAH is one, and there also has been a very clear statement from the Prime Minister, as well as the recently outgoing Secretary of State, about the government's desire to build 10 new hospitals over the next ten years.

Confident

"We are confident and it's in a very different place to where it was this time last year.

"I think it is highly unlikely we will be in place for an autumn announcement for capital for PAH because we won't have made the full decision on the site and will be unable to go through the NHS assurance process by the time of the autumn statement. We are hoping that if we can get everything lined up, there will potentially be another announcement around NHS capital in the spring and we hope to get it."



Andrew Geldard, Chief Officer for West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

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Secondary and sixth form hopes to provide solution to critical shortage of places

Head says new town school is set to be 'a family'

By Charlotte Page
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A BRAND new secondary school and sixth form opening in Harlow hopes to provide a solution to the critical shortage of school places in town by 2019.

Sir Frederick Gibberd College is being opened by the Burnt Mill Academy Trust (BMAT) and will welcome a cohort of 120 Year 7 students in September 2019.

The two-phase opening will see the first of the students taught in a fully functioning temporary building next to Burnt Mill Academy – this is while the Department for Education builds the new school's permanent home in Tendring Road.

Students

When the school moves to its new building in 2020, Sir Frederick Gibberd will offer an academic sixth form for students hoping to go to university.

The new school will adopt many of the characteristics of BMAT including extensive enrichment, Saturday school, holiday club and a broad curriculum focusing on EBacc subjects, although Head of School Dee Conlon says she is keen for the school to bring something unique to the town.

Mrs Conlon said: "Our new school will be extraordinary.

"Students will find it a joy to be

studying at Sir Frederick Gibberd. Every day will be exciting, rewarding and inspiring.

"We will challenge our students, stimulate their minds and develop a lifelong love of learning within them.

"Eventually, they will leave us with the skills, qualifications and habits which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Key Stage 4 students from Burnt Mill – who will become Sir Frederick Gibberd's first group of sixth formers – will also act as mentors to their younger peers when the school opens.

The finished school, which will be sustainable and energy efficient, will feature lots of glass and natural light, a large library, performing arts and PE spaces.

The sixth form will feature a lecture hall to get students used to the feel of university and there will be a state-of-the-art all-weather pitch developed for the use of students and the wider community in Harlow for a variety of sporting pursuits.

Mrs Conlon added: "I do not have a fancy building to display or examples of students who have succeeded with us to show. But, what I do have is my passion and dedication to work with young people to make a difference.

"I am committed to Harlow; this is my seventh year in the town and I look forward to seeing my first cohort progress through the



Prospective students and parents at the open day



How the SFG uniform will look



Sir Frederick Gibberd College is being opened by the Burnt Mill Academy Trust

school successfully and head off to university.

"Across our school, there will be a focus on growing up to be responsible, healthy young adults.

"Our students will contribute to the wider community in Harlow, undertaking charity and voluntary work, while PE will be a big part of the curriculum for all ages. Every Friday afternoon will be dedicated to enrichment where students and staff will come together to enjoy a variety of clubs and activities.

"I cannot wait to welcome the first cohort of Gibberdians to our family."

For the first year, admissions will be co-ordinated by BMAT. Parents must apply to both BMAT for a place at Sir Frederick Gibberd and to Essex County Council for other options for the first year to ensure their child is allocated a school place.

Pupils attending five primary schools – Abbotswold Primary Academy, Hare Street Community Primary School, Katherine's Primary Academy and

Nursery, Latton Green Primary Academy and Longwood Primary Academy – will get priority admission.

"We are all about collaboration," Mrs Conlon added.

"We are working together to improve outcomes for all of our children, from early years through to sixth form. The more schools we work with, the more we can improve life chances for children and young people across Harlow.

"We will be more than just a school, we will be a family."

An open morning was held between 10am and noon on Saturday, September 8, to give more than 130 parents and potential students the opportunity to find out more about Sir Frederick Gibberd College before applying, with some even applying on the spot after hearing the plans for the school.

The deadline for application forms is Wednesday, October 31.

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Head of the school, Dee Conlon

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Gig Gear in Harlow



Gig Gear specialises in guitars, drums and keyboards

Gig Gear is making a name for itself with visits from Guitar shop is striking a chord with musicians

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GIG GEAR - ST JAMES CENTRE, EAST RD, HARLOW CM20 2SX

IT'S not every day that famous musicians walk into your shop – but at Gig Gear, it's a regular occurrence.

Gig Gear is a general music store but with some key specialisms that make it appealing to everyone from schoolchildren to

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celebrities.

Nobby Dalton, the bass player from The Kinks is a regular, as is Winston Marche from 2 Tone ska band The Selecter. They also get a lot of session musicians who play

for the likes of Cliff Richard.

"Because we stock such a wide variety of instruments, we get schoolchildren coming in for their first violin or guitar right up to professional touring musicians

who perform around the world and need the very best, reliable equipment," said store manager Rob West.

The shop sells so many different kinds of instruments but what really sets them apart from their competitors are their three main specialisms – guitars, electric pianos and drum kits. Their guitar section is particularly impressive, and, as Rob points out, you'd be hard-pushed to find



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PASSMORES ACADEMY Tracyes Road, Harlow CM18 6JH 01279 770800 Email: passmores@passmoresacademy.com www.passmoresacademy.com	Thursday 20th September	Tours: 9:30am - 12:30pm Open Evening: 5:30 - 8:30pm N.B. tours also available every Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm throughout September and October. Please telephone or email to arrange.	6:00pm and 7:00pm
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famous faces to running music lessons



Store manager Rob West inside Gig Gear

such a wide selection of top quality guitars this side of London.

There are several hundred guitars on display, ranging from Fender and Ibanez electric guitars to Taylor and Martin acoustics. Gig Gear staff are particularly proud of their Fender Custom Shop guitars which sell for more than £3,000.

The most expensive guitar in the shop however is Taylor 812ce acoustic guitar which comes in at an eye-watering £3,519. This beauty has a grand concert body made from rosewood and spruce and is known as the 'perfect recording guitar'.

"Fender is of course the big brand that everyone knows," Rob explained. "They're kind of the Holy Grail of guitars, the best of the best. We're really pleased to stock the Fender Custom Shop guitars, although we have lots of other big names too. A lot of the heavy metal guys like Ibanez."

Gig Gear started life as Hertford Music and was the brainchild of music fan Brian Hart. When he started out, he mainly sold organs and key-

boards. However it's now under the creative eye of Russell Dodd who is widely credited for bringing the shop into the 21st century.

Russell has been careful with his choice of staff, in order to provide the best possible customer service.

"We were all musicians before we were came here, not sales people," Rob said. "We all remember what it was like to get your first instrument and to play your first chord. We would not stock anything here that we wouldn't play ourselves."

All the staff members are, or have been, performing musicians. Rob was in a band called The Smarts who used to play a lot of gigs and record, while colleague Rob Aitken is a regular on the Harlow circuit and Alex Duncan is part of a covers band called Radio Video.

"People who are into their music like to come in and talk about what they're doing and what they're playing," Rob said. "We all bump into each other at gigs and have a chat. I think we've built a bit of a community here, rather than just a shop."

Their experience means they know how crucial it is to get the

right instrument and they have no problem setting up customers with a selection of guitars and an amp and letting them jam away upstairs until they find the best guitar for them.

"We hear stories of customers being sneered at in other music shops because they can't get a riff right or something," said Rob.

"Shops like ours work because we give customers the space and time to get to know an instrument and how it feels in their hands."

"Particularly with acoustic guitars as you can have two identical guitars next to each other and they will sound a bit different – no two trees are the same are they?"

Despite guitars being a key focus for the shop, the single most expensive item in the store is a digital drum kit.

The Roland TD-50KV comes with an advanced processor and newly-developed snare and ride pads and it's worth an impressive £6,999. They sell both digital and acoustic drum kits but the digital ones are increasingly popular and Gig Gear now sells more digital than it does acoustic.



This Roland TD-50KV drum kit is the most expensive item in the store



The Fender section of Gig Gear

Another aspect which sets Gig Gear apart from other music shops is their music school – the team has spent the last 18 months building up the tuition side of the business, and they now have around 200 pupils being taught by 10 teachers. They teach everything from guitar, bass, drums, piano and vocals.

"We tutor everyone from children who have never picked up an instrument and experienced musicians who want to change direction or want to achieve a certain sound," Rob said.

One instrument that has flown off the shelves in recent years is the ukulele. The once niche instrument has become a national trend ever since Paul McCartney played Something at the George Harrison tribute concert in 2002.

Now the ukulele sell to all ages; there are neon-coloured ones for school children, and groups of mature customers in Harlow are arranging ukulele

jamming sessions.

Paul McCartney would obviously be a dream customer for anyone working in a music store, but for Rob he might just be pipped to the post by one of his indie heroes, Noel Gallagher.

"Noel did actually come into another music store that I worked at before I came here," Rob said.

"He came in with a friend and took one of the display guitars off the wall. One of my colleagues didn't recognise him straight away and shouted at him

not to touch the guitars.

The rest of us looked at each other in horror, but Noel was good about it."

There is absolutely no shouting at customers in Gig Gear:

"Customer service is so important to us," Rob said.

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Racially and religiously aggravated offences have gone up by over 60% in Essex MP horrified at big increase in hate crimes

By Piers Meyler
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HARLOW'S MP has lashed out at people who "live in the sewers" after a sharp rise of racially and aggravated hate crimes reported in Essex since the UK voted to leave the EU.

Essex, which voted overwhelmingly to leave in the 2016 referendum, has seen the number of racially and religiously aggravated crimes jump from 187 in 2015/16 to 308 in 2017/18 – an increase of 64 per cent.

The biggest problem has been the sharp rise in the number of racially aggravated incidents causing public fear alarm or distress, rising from 118 to 224.

One of the most high profile incidents – that of the death of Polish national Arkadiusz Jozwik at the hands of a teenage boy in Harlow town centre – sent shock waves through the community.

Robert Halfon, MP for Harlow, said: "I have spoken to many

Brexit voters – I was a six out of ten remainer, but I have become a six out of ten Brexiteer because I think we have to do what the people voted for – but I have not met one racist Brexit voter.

"I do think there is an underbelly of people who live in the sewers, who are using this as an excuse."

Mr Jozwik, who was known as Arek, was sent crashing to the floor after being punched in the back of the head following an altercation with a group of youths in The Stow on August 27, 2016.

Manslaughter

His attacker, a 16-year-old who cannot be named for legal reasons, was sentenced to three years in a youth detention centre for manslaughter.

While the prosecution in the case offered no evidence that the incident was a hate crime, the death sent ripples through the community and caused Essex Police to reevaluate their rela-



MP Robert Halfon

tionship with Polish people in the area.

Mr Halfon added: "It's horrifying that hate crimes in Essex have gone up by one per cent, let alone 64 per cent.

"It is a serious problem across Essex that all communities need to something about.

"I have no doubt that the people who voted for Brexit are decent kind people who felt that it was better for Britain to take control

of its own affairs.

"However, I do think it allowed some extremists, not the people who voted for Brexit, but hardcore extremists, to stain the decency of the Brexit vote and use the Brexit vote as an excuse to either carry out racist attacks or indulge in racist behaviour."

Anyone in Harlow who feels they have been subjected to a hate crime and does not want to go to the police directly, is now able to voice their concerns at any one of nine Hate Incident Reporting Centres (HIRC) around the town.

As a result of HIRC, the number of hate crimes reported has skyrocketed by around 85 per cent, with 175 reports being made between August 2016 and July 2017.

In addition to tackling hate crime, the force has been working with the council to try and better the area by installing CCTV, improving street lighting and repairing paving slabs.

Officers have also been able to

issue six antisocial behaviour contracts and one criminal behaviour order against local troublemakers thanks to the new and improved reporting system.

Alex Mayes, spokesperson for independent charity Victim Support, said: "It is shocking to see such an increase in racially aggravated crimes across Essex since Brexit.

"In 2016 we saw a spike in referrals nationally in the immediate aftermath of the EU referendum of 44 per cent.

Aftermath

"It's unclear whether these increases represented an actual rise in hate crime incidents or whether the increased publicity of hate crimes in the aftermath of these kinds of major events simply encouraged more people to report or seek support.

"Racially aggravated crimes are personal and targeted attacks and can be particularly frightening for victims as they are

being targeted because of who they are.

"They can have a serious impact on victims both emotionally and physically and we need to work together and with communities to tackle this rise."

Gareth Barrett, Labour group leader in Brentwood, said: "Some of the campaigning around Brexit, alongside scaremongering surrounding refugees and the rise of Donald Trump's hateful rhetoric has, for some, seemed to legitimise opinions and behaviours that are horrific.

"I feel great sympathy for every victim and a disappointment that citizens of my home county would act in this way.

"Whilst we should not presume that the Brexit referendum campaign is the only source of this rise in hate, the language of the debate clearly divided Britain.

"The Conservative's cuts to policing and the public sector have increased this divide – only adding fuel to this fire."



Arek Jozwik was remembered at a special service

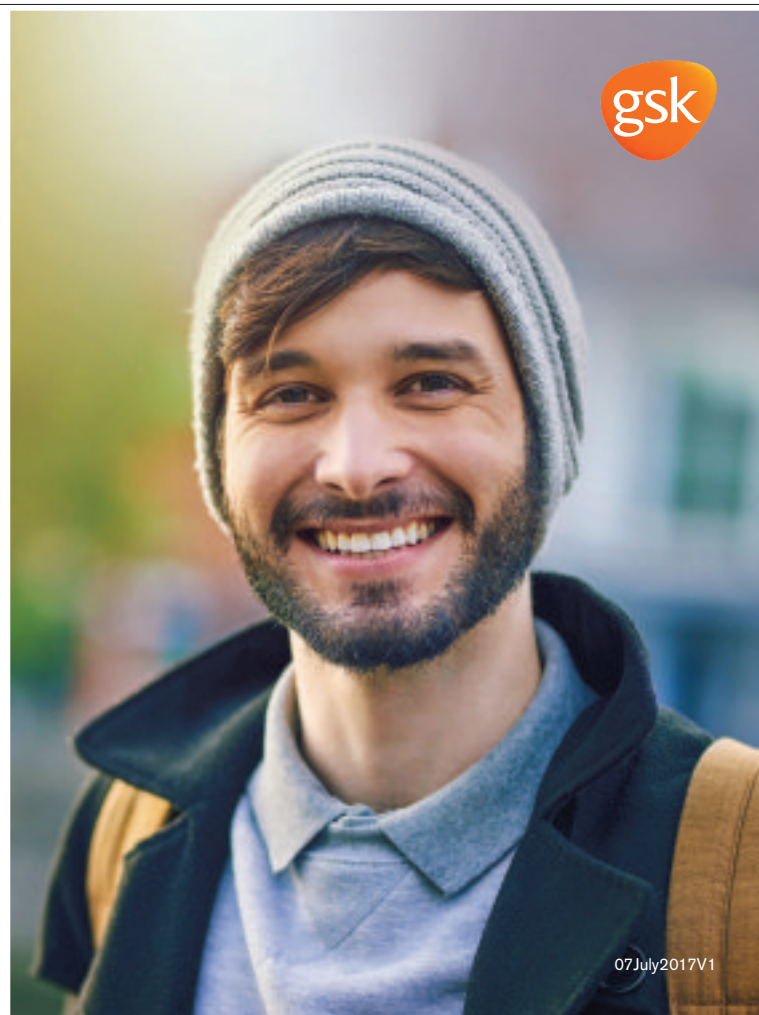
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Family's flood water dilemma leaves them feeling all at sea

Burst tank leads to years of misery and damp for mother and her young children

By Paige Ingram

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A HARLOW family have been forced to 'live out of suitcases and black bags from hotel rooms' for months after repeated floods in their home caused 'damp and mould'.

Kealie Thomas, from Berecroft in Harlow, has complained to both the council and Clarion Housing Association multiple times about the poor condition of her property.

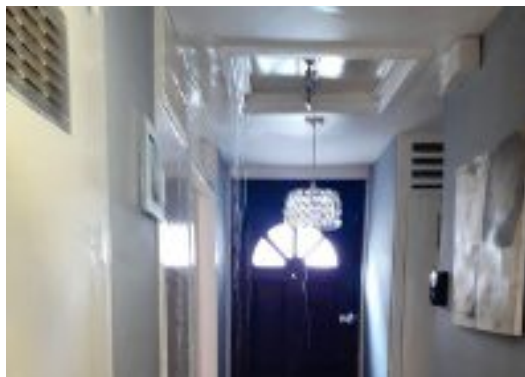
She moved into the one-bedroom bungalow in August 2010, with her six-month-old son Riley, and had no problems until December 2013.

Flood

Just a week before Christmas however, the water tank in the loft burst after freezing over, causing a huge flood and forcing the family to spend the festive period at a relative's.

Kealie said: "It was horrendous, my son has ADHD and he was so upset because everyone was supposed to be coming over to ours that Christmas."

On the evening of the flood, Kealie and Riley were out, and by



Water pouring from the ceiling after the tank in the loft of the house burst

the time a neighbour had raised the alarm, water levels had reached shin height and caused severe damage to the property.

Since then, the water tank burst for a second time in May 2017 and six more times between March and June 2018.

The second flood happened whilst she was heavily pregnant with her middle child Brooke.

Kealie said: "I was in the shower at the time and all of a sudden I heard water gushing from the ceiling."

"I was hesitant to walk on the floor as I could have easily slipped over, so I called my dad and he had to lift me out the bath."

She has made multiple complaints to the housing association, council and her MP Robert



Water pooling on the floor of the Thomas family home in Berecroft, Harlow

Halfon with regard to her living conditions.

According to Kealie, Harlow Council's response was damp and mould 'won't affect her health'.

She continued: "Our property is still damp, it has damp and mould all around and holes in the ceiling from the flood."

"I lost all my kids' school books, all my photographs and baby

stuff. All my memories were in that loft, and now they're gone."

The most recent flood even caused her daughter Brooke to slip over and injure herself.

Kealie said: "I was in the shower again and I heard a thud. My daughter was covered in blood, she had cut her lip and bruised her head badly."

"I was fuming that my daughter

had injured herself, I wrote to my MP and completed the complaints procedure.

"I have asked to be rehoused into a safer, more suitable property."

"But unfortunately I've had no luck, I am expected to keep living with these ongoing problems."

Kealie, who has since had her third child, Megan, said she had spent more than five months in four different hotels while her house was being repaired after each incident.

Leaks

A spokesperson for Clarion Housing Group said: "There has been a history of leaks at this property, which we have thoroughly investigated."

"Ms Thomas is aware of the outcome of the previous investigation which was undertaken by an independent consultant."

"We are currently investigating the cause of the most recent leak which occurred on August 30."

"We have arranged emergency accommodation for Ms Thomas since this time and are continuing to work closely with her so she and her children can return home as soon as possible."



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These companies, along with many others will now go into the running to be crowned 2018's Company of the Year, which will be judged by headline sponsor, Invest Essex.

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In the future there might be issues with food security and what happens if the UK cannot import enough food to feed the country. Then there might have to be food rationing.

Also where are the extra water resources coming from to supply the extra 50,000 homes? There is no answer about this problem yet.

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We need a good social housing plan to reflect the changing times

Steve Budd

I know and understand that we need more homes for people to live in, but we need a good social housing plan to reflect the changing times.

Harlow council need to build new houses for social rents and these homes should be retained by the council so they have a good housing stock to help the low paid and homeless in our town and also have some sort of rolling plan to build the extra social housing over the next ten years and only build within the existing town boundaries.

All new homes built by the council or private developers should have all the latest energy-saving products fitted and should also include a charging point for electric vehicles as the Government want everybody to reduce their carbon footprint and fossil fuel usage.

They could also fit in every new home ground source heat pumps to heat the homes. This would reduce the amount of natural gas that every household burns, thus reducing emissions even further and lessen the amount of gas we need to import.

Steve Budd
Harlow

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WEBCHAT

What is being talked about on social media this week...

■ **MUM'S HORROR AFTER SPIDER BITE MAKES DAUGHTER'S SKIN LOOK LIKE IT'S BEING EATEN:**

This was what Jack had happen to him when he was 3/4. Nasty and really serious if not treated! Took a good 6-8 weeks to fully heal xx
Kirstie Rhodes

My daughter found a few

of those in their garage!
Hayley Bayliss

Be careful with Elsie when she goes frog hunting
Hailey xx
Diane Chandler

Ugly looking thing to.
Karen Smith

■ **THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN CHALLENGE A SPEEDING TICKET FINE:**

This will come in handy lol.
Sarah Sutton

■ **LONG-TERM TESCO WORKER GIVEN FINAL WARNING AFTER USING STAFF DISCOUNT TO BUY WASHING POWDER FOR COLLEAGUE:**

That's how much they think of her years of hard work and loyalty. Shameful.
Chloe Stevens

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Photo taken by Steven Hills, from Harlow

Thank you for all the help

I WOULD like to express my sincere gratitude to the kind lady and gents who stopped, laid coats and rang an ambulance for me when I was knocked off my pink road bike by a van on a roundabout on the April 8 near Southern way.

I would also like to thank the ambulance service, hospital and police men all who attended me with much care and efficiency on that day.

As a female Triathlete who regularly uses the roads in and about Harlow I would like to thank the patient drivers who give cyclists a

wide berth on the roads and account for variables like gusts of wind, pot holes and uneven road surfaces!

Faith Jackson-Lee
Via email

Breast Cancer Care: The Big Pink

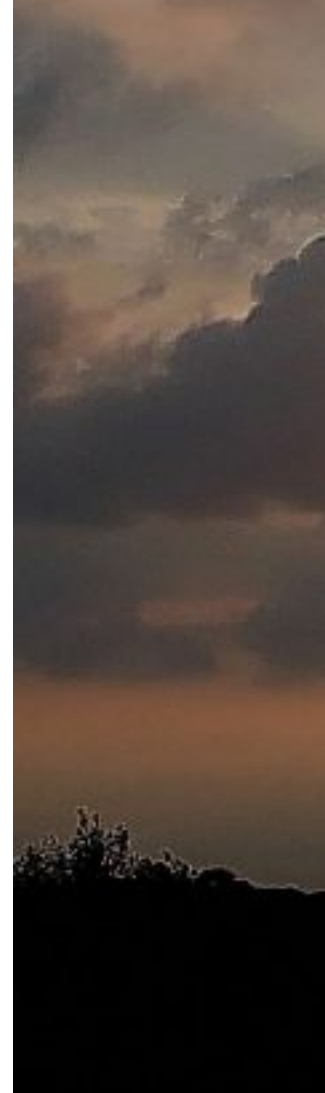
MANY readers will be thinking of loved-ones during October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, having seen the devastating impact breast cancer can have on a person's body, emotional wellbeing and sense of identity. I'm encouraging everyone to gather friends, family or

colleagues for a Big Pink party, on Friday, October 12, to support people living with and beyond breast cancer.

A Big Pink party is an event with unlimited possibilities. It could be a dress down day at work, a bake sale at your local club or a pink themed night in with friends. Anything goes, as long as it's pink! Breast Cancer Care will provide you with a free fundraising kit with everything you need to plan your Big Pink.

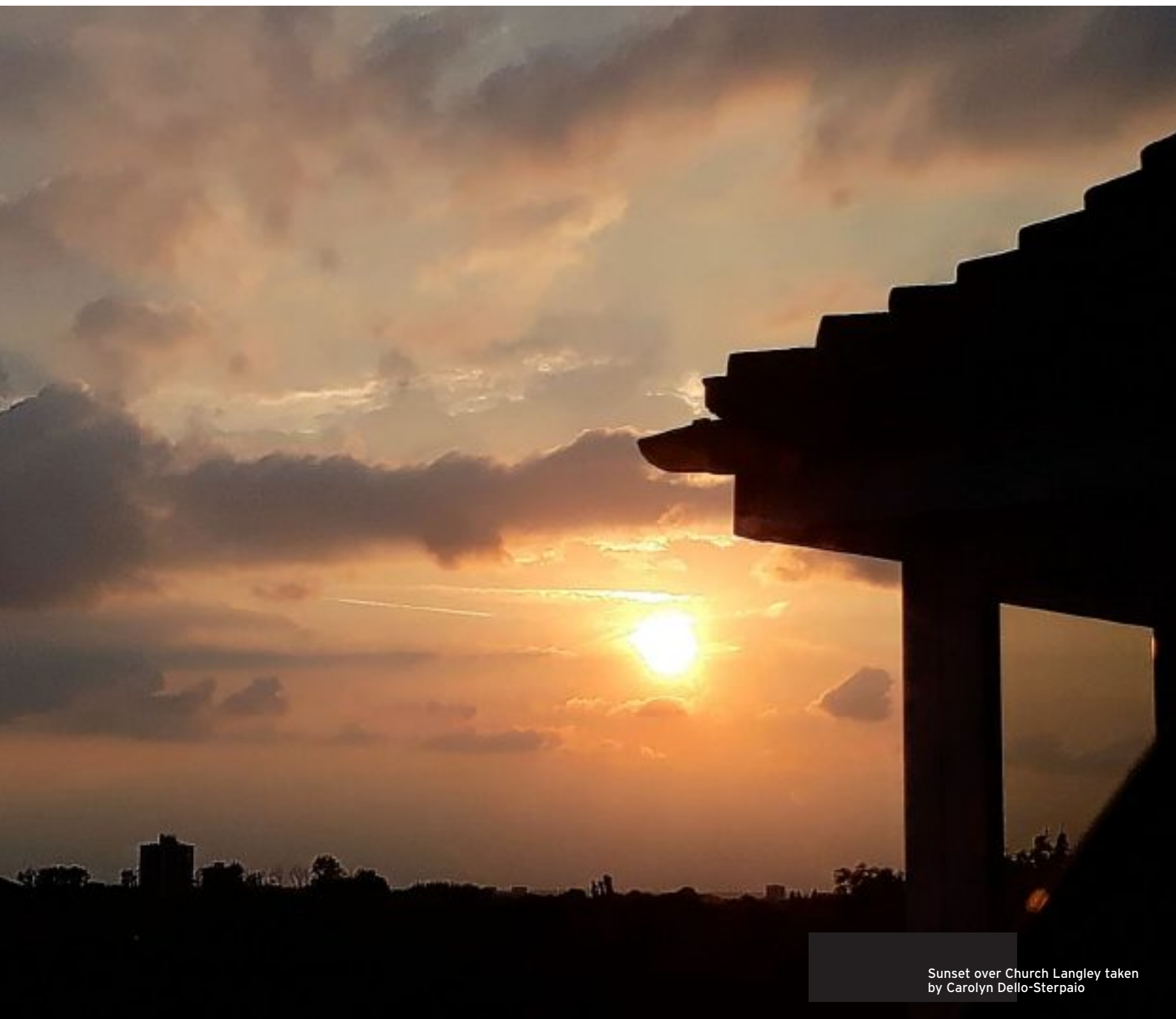
However you do yours, all money raised will help the charity continue to be there for the 691,000 people living with breast cancer in the UK today. As little as £30 could give someone the specialist

PHOTO of the week



information and support when they need it most through the Breast Cancer Care Helpline. Breast Cancer Care is not government funded so every penny you raise makes a huge difference.

Get your free fundraising kit at breastcancercare.org.uk/october
Samia al Qadhi
Chief Executive of Breast Cancer Care



Sunset over Church Langley taken
by Carolyn Dello-Sterpaio

RT. HON. ROBERT HALFON MP

WELL, it's great to be writing again for the Harlow Star. I hope you've been enjoying sunny Harlow this summer – it was certainly a scorcher.

I'm continuing to work hard for Harlow, now in Westminster, and am more ready than ever to campaign for the funding we need for a new hospital and keep the pressure on the Government to keep fuel duty down for Harlow motorists.

You may well have heard about the recent changes to Blue Badge rules. In July, the Government announced that people with hidden disabilities, including autism, will soon have access to Blue Badges. I worked incredibly hard on this issue and would like to give a special thanks to Pact for Autism, the amazing Harlow-based charity that campaigned so strongly with me – we even held meetings with the previous

Disabilities Minister to raise the issue. I'm really pleased that, after all the hard work, the government have listened and the barriers that so many face when travelling will be removed.

You may have read my previous updates on new hospital funding announcements. The Government decision on capital funding is expected in autumn 2018. At the time of writing, I'm

yet to receive the news. However, the hospital leadership team have been working hard to put together a case for a new hospital health campus in Harlow and I've been campaigning in Parliament to try and get our new hospital. We've spoken to Ministers and got the support of seven local MPs. If Harlow secures the funding for a new hospital health campus, then great – the

infrastructure will be revolutionised and Harlow will become a hub for healthcare education in the East of England.

If not, I shall continue to work with the hospital and lobby the Government to bring healthcare in Harlow into the 21st century. Princess Alexandra Hospital has the most incredible staff; right through from the hospital porters and cleaners, to the management and leadership

team. I love and am so proud of the NHS in Harlow and I'll continue to do all I can to support it.

As ever, keep up to date with Harlow news and my campaigns on social media: Facebook @RobertHHalfon, Twitter @Halfon4HarlowMP and Instagram @roberthalfonmp. If there's anything I can do to help, contact me via halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com.

TALKING POINT

Jab has its benefits but should it be made law?

THE BIG QUESTION:

Should child vaccinations for preventable diseases be made mandatory?



LIB DEMS

SOME time ago, my close friend's daughter caught a vaccineable strain of meningitis.

Her daughter was too young to be vaccinated when she became sick but her exposure to the disease could have been prevented if those around her had not been contagious.

Fortunately, she survived but many others do not.

In order to achieve "herd immunity", the World Health Organisation and Unicef states that at least 95% of children must be vaccinated.

To meet this target, which has been enshrined in the European Action Vaccine Plan, many countries, including France, Belgium and Italy, have introduced certain compulsory vaccinations.

In the UK, we seek to meet this target through the promotion of recommended vaccination programmes and parental education.

Evidence suggests, however, that this is not

working. Figures recently released by Public Health England show 828 cases of measles already this year compared to 274 diagnosed in 2017. This has caused health officials to declare a "national measles incident".

The worst affected group are those in their late teens and early 20s who were born when the discredited Andrew Wakefield published his unfounded study linking the MMR jab to autism.

High numbers of teenagers and young adults are now at risk because they weren't given the MMR vaccination following the irresponsible media scare.

As Liberal Democrats, we work hard to put forward policy proposals that balance the rights and freedoms of individuals against the need to protect the health and welfare of the nation as a whole.

Compulsory vaccination programmes cut straight to the heart of this dilemma. However the individual



Freja Waterhouse

liberation gained from things like education and having your health are so great that I believe a collectivist approach is justified.

This is why personally, I would fully support the introduction of a compulsory vaccination programme in the UK.

LABOUR

IN a better world, vaccine mandates wouldn't be necessary. Parents would educate themselves about the diseases that vaccines prevent and learn that measles causes pneumonia and brain damage, mumps causes deafness and sterility, rubella causes severe birth defects, pertussis causes suffocation, and human papillomavirus (HPV) causes cervical, oropharyngeal, and anal cancers. They would learn about the remarkable safety and effectiveness of vaccines. And they would learn that although vaccines are not free of risk, their benefits clearly outweigh their risks. Mostly, they would learn that vaccines stand on a mountain of scientific evidence. Well informed: the choice to vaccinate their children would be an easy one.

Unfortunately, we don't live in that world. In our world, science based information is often

obscured by false and misleading claims readily available in newspaper and magazine articles, on radio and television. There is not enough information out there to help parents to make an informed decision and this eventually has an effect on communities. With the pressure in the NHS it is essential we all contribute to look after our children's health.

Most of us have the vaccines our doctors recommend, helping to reduce the risk that we – and those around us – will suffer vaccine-preventable diseases. If you decide not to visit your dentist, choose to eat badly or refuse to wear a helmet while cycling, you put yourself at risk. The direct impact on other people's health is (pretty much) zero. With vaccines, the health of your community could be affected. You might catch – and spread – infectious



Waida Forman

diseases at school, in the workplace or in public places. If enough people in a community are vaccinated, 'herd immunity' can be achieved. This makes it very difficult for infectious diseases to spread because a significant majority of people are protected.

UKIP

I HAVE experienced many instances of children having adverse effects from injections and, in today's world many people are unhappy filling the body with drugs and chemicals (including their children).

My opinion is that when it comes to vaccinations for children and indeed elderly adults the advantages and disadvantages should be put to the family in a leaflet and they have the choice.

There's often controversy and debate in regards to

vaccinations and whilst some clearly have potential benefits parents do not always fully understand and often have experiences with other family members and friends that make them unsure about what to do for the best.

With the NHS in crisis, I can understand the plan to promote preventative action for children's health but often, it can work in reverse and that should not be something that's promoted.

Parents who are given the

facts (positive and negative) should be the ones to decide and that, in my opinion, is the only way forward on this question.

As things stand at present, parents are often confused and in many cases the information available to them is basic and doesn't allow them to make an informed decision.

Working to put that right would be a good way to improve the current situation and allow freedom of choice.



Peter Day

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YOUR CHARITY NEWS

Charity sounds out supporters to name bereavement service

HASTINGWOOD-based charity, St Clare Hospice, has chosen a name for their Children, Young People and Family Bereavement Service following a naming competition and public vote. After much deliberation and consultation, the final name chosen was Echo Counselling Service.

Throughout the course of May and June, the West Essex and East Herts charity hosted a competition offering supporters the opportunity suggest names for their Children, Young People and Family Bereavement Service. Encouraging supporters to send in their ideas via email, St Clare Hospice was met with over 30 suggestions for names over the two month period.

After a poll on social media platforms Facebook and Twitter, which saw more than 50 people cast their votes, and consultation amongst staff and service users, a name was finally chosen.

The Hospice charity officially launched their dedicated bereavement service for children, young people and families in June 2017 following the receipt of a major grant from BBC Children in Need. The

specialist service has since supported over 30 families, providing a range of support to patients' relatives and loved ones who are under the age of 18 years. The service offers both one-to-one and group counselling to children, young people and families. Additional services include therapeutic workshops and family workshops.

St Clare Hospice's Patient and Family Support team manager, Joanna Petts, explained: "We needed a short, catchy project name that encapsulated the whole service and the support we offer to children, young people, families and schools – supporting them to face death, dying and loss."

"By giving our service a relatable name, we hope to encourage more young people to find out more about it and to feel empowered in accessing the vital support we offer."

Commenting on the chosen name for the service, Echo Counselling Service, Joanna Petts said: "The outcome of the online vote, and the input of staff and young clients here at the Hospice, were integral in choosing a name for the service. One young person who voted for the name



The Echo Counselling Service provides specialist support for children

'Echo' told us that they could relate to the name because counselling had provided them with an opportunity for beneficial self-reflection, echoing back their thoughts

and emotions by talking to a therapist, and the fact that the impact of losing their loved one would echo with them down through the years at different milestones

in their life."

If you would like to find out more about the Echo Counselling Service for children and young people, and how to access support

from the Patient and Family Support team, visit their website at: www.stclarehospice.org.uk/care/support-families-or-call-the-team-on-01279-773762

Daring trio take on skydive to raise £10,000 for hospice

A TRIO of hospice fundraisers took on a skydive challenge on Saturday September 8, in aid of West Essex and East Herts charity, St Clare Hospice.

Dani De'ath, St Clare's Community Fundraising Lead, 32, from Harlow, Emma Broadbent, St Clare's Challenges and Events Fundraiser, 23, from Coopersale and Rachel Lines, St Clare's Community Fundraising Administrator, 23, from Bishop's Stortford work together within St Clare Hospice's Fundraising team. Each year as part of their

role at the Hospice, the trio are targeted to raise approximately £430,000 for St Clare – enough to run all of the hospice's essential care services for a month and a half.

This September, the team of three went above and beyond and by taking on this personal fundraising challenge, hoping to raise a total of £1,000 for St Clare, the hospice they love.

The three fundraising colleagues were join by 12 other brave hospice supporters at the charity's skydiving challenge, as Team

St Clare took an exhilarating leap out of an aeroplane from 13,000ft.

The skydive experience, in which participants are attached to a highly experienced instructor, includes a free-fall where they reach speeds of 120mph over a 5,000ft descent before opening their parachute and landing safely back down to earth.

Once all sponsorship has been collected, the charity skydiving challenge is expected to raise £10,000 for St Clare Hospice.

If you would like to

sponsor this terrific trio and make a donation to St Clare Hospice, visit the team's fundraising page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dani-de-ath3>

For more information about this event, visit the St Clare Hospice website at: www.stclarehospice.org.uk/event/st-clare-skydive-september-2018

Alternatively, contact St Clare Hospice Challenges and Events Fundraiser, Emma Broadbent, on 01279 773754 or email emma.broadbent@stclarehospice.org.uk



St Clare trio who took part in the skydive for the charity

YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

Passmores welcomes Downs to its family

THE Passmores Cooperative Learning Community (PCLC), the educational trust with responsibility for Passmores Academy, Potter Street Academy and Purford Green School, has welcomed its newest member of the trust, The Downs Primary School.

Vic Goddard, the CEO of PCLC said: "The Downs is a well-established and successful school in the heart of Harlow, so we were very happy when their governing body approached us to discuss the possibility of them becoming an academy with our support. "The ethos of PCLC is to be inclusive of our whole community and to put children first before worrying what looks good for this or any other government.

"The PCLC family of schools already work hard together to achieve this, so to welcome another part of the Harlow community in to the Trust that already has the same passion and

commitment is fantastic.

"I cannot wait to learn from the expertise already at The Downs and to offer them the new opportunities that are available when working as part of such a cohesive and supportive group of schools."

The cChair of PCLC, Paul Beashel, is "excited to see the trust grow and to be able to make an even greater difference to Harlow".

Paul Adams, chair of governors at The Downs, agreed, stating: "The decision to become an academy and to join the Passmores Cooperative Learning Community was not taken quickly and without considering all of the options available to us."

He continued: "We are thrilled to become part of such an inclusive, successful and child-centred trust, and we are really looking forward to working together to help all of the schools in the family go from strength to strength."



Vic Goddard, CEO of the PCLC with Jeanette Allen, head teacher of the Downs Primary School

Youngsters at Kiddi Caru go on a Gruffalo hunt as they celebrate Book Week

THE children and staff at Harlow's Kiddi Caru day nursery ventured into the deep dark wood to celebrate one of their favourite books – The Gruffalo – for the company's 2018 Book Week initiative.

Written by Julia Donaldson and first published in 1999, The Gruffalo tells the tale of a mouse taking a walk through a forest where he meets a fox, an owl, a snake and finally the Gruffalo.

During the week long celebrations the children dressed up as characters from the book and made Gruffalo masks.

They went on a Gruffalo hunt around the nursery's garden and cooked up some Gruffalo recipes inspired by the book.

Louise Farrow, nursery manager, said: "The Gruffalo is one of the children's favourite books.

"As well as the Gruffalo

himself they love the mouse character, who manages to make it out of the forest despite meeting a few scary animals along the way thanks to his quick thinking.

"The story really captures the children's imaginations and it was lovely to have a whole week dedicated to bringing it to life for them."

For further information about Kiddi Caru visit the www.kiddicar.com or see Facebook – www.facebook.com/Kiddicar.

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YOUR PICTURES



A stroll along the River Stort to Parndon Mill - pictures by Herts and Essex Tog Squad member Brian Gleeson. If you would like to join our photographic group, search Herts and Essex Tog Squad on Facebook



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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

New mums enjoy the benefits of PAH clinic

MORE than 100 new mums-to-be have already benefited from a new one-stop clinic set up in Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust to protect against the dangers of whooping cough.

Recently, the antenatal unit celebrated the 100th immunisation with a gift of chocolates for the lucky patient.

As a first time expectant mum, Lauren Anderson was keen to take the step to protect her baby from the potentially deadly disease.

The hospital's antenatal unit launched the five-day-a-week clinic to enable expectant women to have a vaccination against whooping cough while they attend for antenatal checks.

Lauren said that expecting her first baby was a time of great joy which also brings concerns for the future health of her child.

Awaiting the birth in October, Lauren was still working but was attending antenatal checks at the

hospital. For her, the opportunity to have the immunisation while at the unit was a huge benefit, as it meant she didn't have to make separate appointments to have the injection.

She said: "It brings great reassurance that I have had this protection at an early date. When you are taking time from work to have your checks, it is difficult to make time for other appointments.

"This means I can feel reassured that my baby would not be at risk of this potentially fatal illness if I was unable to have the vaccination in time.

It is such a great service especially for new mums like me, and of course it's also a godsend for mums with other children who would otherwise have to get to separate appointments while looking after other youngsters.

"It's great this service exists in Harlow."

Sarah Fiadjoe, antenatal and new-born screening co-



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ordinator, who worked to launch the service, said: "We set up the clinic to promote the health of both mother and child and we are getting tremendous feedback from the mums who come in for their antenatal screening.

"Babies are at high risk of complications if they contract pertussis (whooping cough).

"Although deaths from whooping cough are rare, most are among babies who are too young to be protected by their own vaccinations, which don't

begin until they are two months old.

"By getting the whooping cough vaccine in your third trimester, you will pass antibodies to your baby so he or she is born with protection against whooping cough."

The unit will also be offering flu vaccination during the winter flu season.

Why immunisation is so important:

■ Vaccination is one of the most effective interventions midwives and other healthcare workers can

provide to reduce harm from vaccine preventable diseases such as influenza, rubella and pertussis for both mother and baby;

■ Pertussis vaccination in pregnancy is safe and is highly effective at preventing infant disease and death when women are vaccinated at least seven days before delivery;

■ Administering the vaccine during pregnancy will boost immunity in pregnant women, optimising Trans placental transfer of maternal antibody to the

unborn baby, and will also reduce their likelihood of being a source of infection for their baby;

■ The timing of pertussis vaccination in pregnancy is critical to ensure efficient transfer of Tran's placental antibodies to the unborn baby;

■ Baby's subsequent immunity is passive; therefore the aim of the programme is to provide pertussis immunity lasting from birth to the first dose of primary immunisations at eight weeks old.

Hatfield Broad Oak

■ **ANIMAL SHOW:** Garg's Animal Show at Cammas Hall Fruit Farm, Needham Green, Hatfield Broad Oak, CM22 7JT, on Saturday, September 22, from 10-11am or 11.15am-12.15pm.

Garg's Animal Adventures is an exciting show that gives you the chance to get up close and handle some fascinating animals.

You will discover amazing facts and have lots of fun and laughter along the way. The show lasts for one hour and costs £4.50 per child. Booking essential - visit www.cammashall.co.uk/online-booking/

Hunsdon

■ **PILATES CLASSES:** Mondays 2-3pm at Hunsdon Village Hall.

Friendly and welcoming classes. Pilates helps you achieve a balance of mind and body, plus focusing on stretching and strengthening the whole body to improve balance, muscle strength, flexibility and posture.

For more information, or to book your first complementary class, (limited places) call Anne at Active Health Pilates and More on 07717 333234, email activehealthpam@gmail.com or visit www.activehealthpilatesandmore.com.

Sandon

■ **GREEN FINGERS:** Sandon Gardeners' Club meets every second Monday of the month at Sandon Village Hall at 7.30pm.

If you have an interest in gardening, go along and join. New members are always welcome.

Contact chairman John Handley at: johnhandley5@btinternet.com for more.

Sawbridgeworth

■ **MORRIS MEET:** Fiddlers' Brook Morris meet every Tuesday at 8pm at Allens Green Village Hall near Sawbridgeworth. Newcomers are welcome to go along and give it a try for fun, exercise and friendship and to help keep a tradition going. Musicians also welcome. Call 01279 723707 or email neilandgillmunro@aol.com or see our Facebook page.

Standon

■ **TEEN DANCE:** DDMIX (Diverse Dance Mix) dance fitness classes are held every Wednesday at Standon Village Hall for teenagers between 5.45 and 6.30pm, term time.

No dance experience is required, just lots of

enthusiasm and a pair of trainers. It costs £5, which can be paid on the door each week.

Call Julie on 07971 699615 or visit: dancejamacademy.co.uk for more details.

■ **FIT FOR ALL:** Pure Stretch releases muscular tension, develops core strength, and reduces mental and physical fatigue.

It is suitable for everyone, easy to follow, sociable and light-hearted. Call Denise, your local fitness instructor, for times and classes on 01920 823072 or 07703 277862.

■ **CREATIVE LITTLE ONES:** Art, craft and messy play classes are held for under fives. The sessions are held on Wednesdays between 1pm and 1.45pm at Standon Village Hall.

Go along and have some creative fun with your little one. Email Becky to book a free trial at: artexplorers1@gmail.com or visit:

www.artexplorers.co.uk for more information.

■ **MUSICIANS AND MOVERS:** Put a jingle in your step and become a morris dancer. Have a bash at Cotswold dance traditions with Standon Morris at practice sessions on Thursday evenings. The mixed side welcomes anyone from 10 years old upwards.

No experience necessary, and it is free. The group gathers from about 8pm onwards in The Star before heading down to Standon Village Hall at 8.30pm. Musicians are also needed to play.

To find out more, call Catherine on 07808 969379 or email standon.morris@gmail.com.

Widford

■ **PILATES CLASSES:** Mondays 6.45-7.45pm and 8-9pm. Friendly and

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Garden scheme team uncover love life of Bertie the cockerel

WHEN the team from the National Garden Scheme in Essex took on a new garden, Wychwood in Roydon, this year they thought they had found something amazing.

But they were not expecting to uncover the curious love life of a cockerel called Bertie at the same time.

Garden owner Madeleine Paine moved to Wychwood some years ago and has transformed the three-quarter acre site into a truly magnificent English country garden, centered on a large pond which sets the scene for abundant wildlife, ducks and chickens.

An enviable collection of English roses is a highlight of the garden in early summer while mixed shrub and herbaceous borders, fruit plot and vegetables provide interest

throughout the season.

The garden first opened in June this year when the roses were in full bloom and raised £600 for the charity which donated a record £3 million to nursing charities last year.

It was the roses that led Madeleine to the discovery of the secret life of a cockerel she had nurtured since he was a small chick.

The cockerel, Bertie, discovered that rose petals taste really very good and, not being one to waste a piece of information like that, he set about using them to woo his flock.

He quickly learned to leap up at the rose bushes, grab a rose and deliver the petals to the hens before he had any himself.

He even dropped them on the floor of the hen house to be enjoyed by the hens while they were laying their eggs.

"He's a true romantic and a perfect gentleman," says Madeleine.

"He's very sweet with 'the girls' as we call them, keeping order, finding nest sites and intervening in pecking order disputes.

"We are all enjoying watching him develop his skills in the art of seduction."

There is a chance to meet Bertie and friends when Wychwood opens again for the National Garden Scheme on Sunday, September 23.

The garden is open from 11am until 4pm.

Admission is £4 (children free) and the garden can be found on the Epping Road, just off Tylers Cross roundabout, CM19 5DW.

Look out for the yellow National Garden Scheme signs with directions to parking at Redrick's Nursery next to the garden.



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Bertie with his favourite lady

Community comes together for day of fun and awareness

COMMUNITY Embrace UK was joined by a host of visitors to celebrate its maiden community outdoor event in Harlow.

The free, one-day event was organised as part of the organisation's initiative to provide opportunities for local residents and people from diverse backgrounds to come together.

To create the awareness for embracing the rich multi-cultural diversity that exists within Harlow, as well as enable individuals to form connections, share ideas and engage in dialogue.

The main attractions for the day included a choreography performed by the Hip Hop Group, cultural drumming and dance by the Efua Sey Academy. There was a mermaid pamper and

make up session by Charlene Boyden of Auburn Reef, a kids' play zone with variety of garden games, face painting and raffles.

Other activities included attendance by The Essex County Fire team led by Dan Byatt – giving children and adults an opportunity to have insights about their work and operations.

The food court had a lineup of sumptuous dishes from Silvia's Catering Services, a cake haven with delicious cakes, sandwiches and doughnuts kindly donated by Greggs, Dorringtons and Subway.

Others enjoyed sizzling grills and burgers from the barbecue station as well as lots of giveaway goodie bags from M18 wholesale foods.

The climax of the day was

the splendid music by DJ Permoson who rocked guests with tunes from old school, dancehall, hip life, reggae and urban mixes and of course the lovely photography and images by Tracey Diawuo – a second year photography student of Coventry University.

Community Embrace UK founder Herty Ama Twumwaa said: "We just cannot say enough about the incredible atmosphere, the food and buzz from everyone, was almost as being with old friends though people were only meeting for the first time."

Herty expressed her heartfelt appreciation to everyone present especially her husband for his continued support.

She continued: "As a



Face painting, food and lots of fun at the community day

grassroots community-based organisation, I believe that creating these platforms are just the encouragement that people need, and ultimately affirms that irrespective of our common differences – finding that which truly connects us; brings us closer to a world of shared values.

"This gathering signifies many things and the striking feature in the light of our

myriad schedules is the fact that we all chose to come along and be part of a historic moment – its indeed an honour to have met so many beautiful people who are passionate to help build community spirits"

Community Embrace UK operates as a non-profit organisation that seeks to promote diversity, advance social cohesion and

integration and encourage dialogues among people. It is keen to welcome onboard fresh ideas from other local organisations, individuals and interest groups towards its future events.

Organisers were also keen to say a huge thank you to all of the sponsors and individuals who were pivotal in making this event such a success.

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Bereavements

Robert Dannie BARR



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Retired Journalist and Church Organist.

Funeral service to be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Hatfield Broad Oak on Wednesday 19th September at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Great Ormond Street Hospital may be made using the "In Memory" pages at www.drobinson.co.uk or cheques made payable to the charity can be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 3AL. Tel 01279 655477

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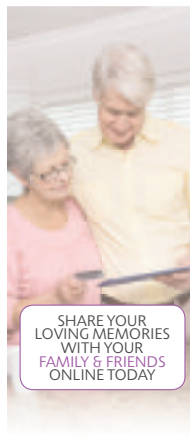
Bill (Brian Richard) CLARK

Much loved husband, father, brother, grandad, uncle and friend.

Died 22nd August aged 80 and went to be with his Maker.

A wonderful man who touched lives across the town through his friendships, teaching and chaplaincy work.

A Celebration of his life will be held at the Gateway Centre, Perry Road, Harlow CM18 7NR on Monday 17th September at 11.30am for all who knew him. No flowers and casual dress.



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Naomi Pamela ELLESMERE

Sadly passed away on 26th August 2018, at Princess Alexandra Hospital, aged 82 years.

Missed so very much by Gordon, Sally, Bill, Gary, Mark, Faye, Zoe, John, Lyla, Sophia, Avril, Carly, Avis and everyone who knew her.

Funeral service at Harlow Crematorium, on Thursday 20th September 2018, at 11.30am.

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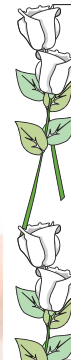


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Trevor GATES

Peacefully on 6th September 2018. Loving husband of Maureen, father of Claire & Michael and much loved grandad of Samantha, Jack, Louie & Arabella. All enquiries to Lincolnshire Co-Operative Funeral Services 01522 534971



Bereavements

Cecilia Ivy Ellen HARRIS

Sadly passed away on Monday 20th August 2018, aged 86 years.

A beloved mother and grandmother who will be so sadly missed by her family and friends. In our hearts she will stay loved and remembered all day.

Funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 12.15pm.

Enquiries via Masterson Funeral Home, Old Harlow, CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.



DAVID CALLCUT

Passed away peacefully after a short illness in Princess Alexandra Hospital on 27th August 2018

The Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday 17th September 2018 at 2.30pm.

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JAMES TIMOTHY DALY (JIM)

Peacefully at Home, on 7th September 2018, Aged 92 Years. The Beloved Husband of Agnes, a Dear Dad to Jacqueline, Susan and Stephen, Father in Law to Philip and Jo and a Wonderful and Loving Grandad to Emma and Sean. He will be Sadly Missed by his Sister Theresa and all his Family and Friends. R.I.P. Jim's Funeral Service is to be held on Thursday 20th September 2018, at Our Lady of the Assumption R.C Church, Mulberry Green at 12.30 p.m. followed by Interment in the Sawbridgeworth Town Cemetery. Family Flowers only Please. Donations if Desired for Children in Need. Cheques Made Payable to Charities Account. All Further Enquiries and Donations to Masterson Funeral Home Ltd, Independent and Family Owned Funeral Directors, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

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Hanna CHATHAM

Passed away peacefully on 27th August 2018, aged 88 years. Beloved Wife of the late John, Mother to Sarah, Susanna, Joanna & Edward and Mummo to Katie, Alex & Caspar.

Funeral service to be held at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday 19th September at 1.30pm

Family flowers only please but donations may be made in Hanna's memory to the Finnish Church in London using the 'In Memory' Page at www.drobinson.co.uk

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SYLVIA JEAN DARMODY

Peacefully in Alexandra House Care Home on 4th September 2018, Aged 92 Years. The Beloved Mum to Susan, Clifford and Pauline, Mother in Law to Ken, Wendy, Carl, and a Wonderful and Loving Nan and Gt Nan. She will be Sadly Missed by all her Family and Friends. R.I.P. Sylvia's Funeral Service is to be Held on Monday 17th September 2018, at Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church, Mulberry Green at 11.30 a.m. Followed by Cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium. Family Flowers only Please. Donations if Desired for "Forget me Not." Cheques made payable to Charities Account. All Further Enquiries and Donations to Masterson Funeral Home Ltd, Independent and Family Owned Funeral Directors, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

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Vi ELLISON



January 1920 - August 2018

Our mother, Vi Ellison, passed away peacefully on Saturday 25th August. Old age just caught up with her at 98 years.

A remarkably intelligent, honourable, strong, kind and loving woman, she was a much-cherished mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be greatly missed by her family.

Vi and her husband Philip were leading lights in the creation of the non-political Ratepayers' Association in Bishop's Stortford; in the 1970s and 80s, the Party gaining seats on the Local, District and County Councils. Vi served as Mayor of Bishop's Stortford in 1984.

Vi worked tirelessly for the residents of Bishop's Stortford for many years and was totally dedicated to listening and acting on people's concerns. One of her successes was helping to save the Corn Exchange from demolition and another was getting a by-pass built that takes through traffic away from the town. Even of late, Vi said she hoped people would bring back The Ratepayers Association concept.

A Service for Vi will be held at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday 26th September at 12.30pm. This will be followed by her laying to rest at Bishop's Stortford Cemetery, Apton Road, CM23 3UE at 2pm, where she will be reunited with Philip.

No flowers please but any donations are most welcome to campaigns close to Vi's heart: the 'Gilfrere Fund' and "Stop Stansted Expansion" You are also invited, if you wish, to add a touch of tartan or something Scottish to acknowledge how special this heritage was to Vi. We are hoping to see many of you who remember Vi at her Funeral. David Ellison, Judith Slater and Miranda Cook.



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Doreen HEARN

Passed away peacefully on 27th August 2018 aged 81 years.

Much loved Mum, Nan & Great Nan. Now reunited with her husband, Len. The funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 28th September at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations for Children With Cancer UK may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel 01279 426990 or via the In Memory Page at www.drobinson.co.uk

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Yvonne Dorothy KELLY



Passed away peacefully in Princess Alexandra Hospital on 2nd September 2018 aged 78 years. A much loved Wife and Nan who will be sorely missed by her husband, family and many friends who knew her. Yvonne's funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday 17th September at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations for St Clare Hospice may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990 or via the In Memory Pages at www.drobinson.co.uk

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Diane LAURIE

Passed away peacefully on Saturday 1st September 2018, aged 77 years.

A dearly loved Mum, Nan and Auntie who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service to take place at Holy Trinity Church, Bishop's Stortford on Monday 17th September 2018 at 1.00pm followed by burial at Bishop's Stortford Cemetery.

Flowers and all enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79 - 81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AL, Tel: 01279 655477.

Acknowledgements

Sue HELM

Ian and all the family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service for Sue, for the many cards and kind messages of support and for the donations received in memory of such a wonderful lady.

Special thanks go to all the staff at Isabel Hospice who provided such brilliant care for Sue, to Rev'd Debbie for taking the service and to Phil Barrow and all the staff at Daniel Robinson & Sons for taking care of the funeral arrangements.

Please accept this as the only but most sincere acknowledgement.

In Memoriam

BLUNNIE Paul James

A year has passed so quickly
And still we wonder why
You had to leave us down on earth
And start a new life in the sky
Every day you're thought of
With tears in our eyes
It hurts so bad to remember
We never got to say goodbye
Sleep Tight PJ.

Mum, Children, Grandchildren, Brothers, Sisters, and Sisters in law.

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In Memoriam

Joyce Yvonne INGOLD (Nee Robinson)

Dearly loved mum who passed away 10th September 2008.

Forever in my thoughts.
Love Graham xx

Don STEVENS 21.03.1937 - 14.09.2017

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Forever in our hearts.

Love Pam and Family xxx

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John McCOMBES

Passed away on 30 August 2018 aged 68 years. Much loved husband to Mary Rose. Dad to David, Steph and Paul and Pops to Maisie, Eloise, Georgia, Oscar and Freddie.

Funeral details available from Daniel Robinson & Sons 01279 655477 or via the In Memory Page www.drobinson.co.uk.

Michael William ROLPH "Billy"

Passed away on 29th August 2018. With tremendous courage he fought silently against cancer for 7 years.

A truly remarkable man. Beloved Husband of Sandra, much loved Dad of Simon & Kirsty, Father in Law to John & Patricia and adored Grandad to Ella-Maria and Baby Nico-Percy. Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury on Tuesday 18th September at 1.30pm. Colourful clothing is preferred. Family flowers only please, but donations for The Helen Rollason Cancer Charity or RSPB may be made online using the "In Memory" pages at www.drobinson.co.uk or cheques made payable to the charity can be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 3AL. Tel: 01279 655477

Joan Florence WRIGHT

Sadly passed away on Friday 31st August 2018 aged 87 Years

Funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Chapel on Monday 1st October at 10:45am followed by a burial in Parndon Wood Cemetery.

Family flowers only please.

If desired, donations, made payable to 'Cancer Research UK' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP Tel: 01279 426990

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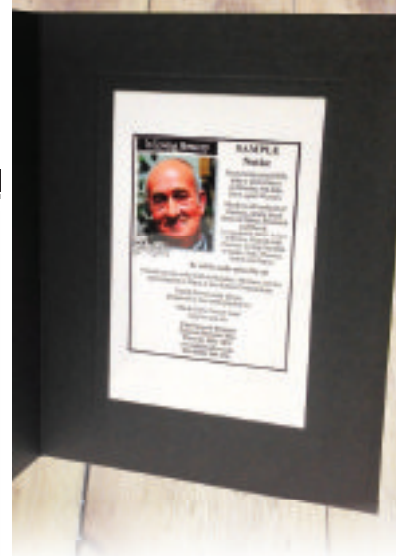
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Aditi with Pudsey



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TEDDY BEAR DAY
■ We asked for pictures of your favourite Teddies on our Facebook pages on National Teddy Day (September 9), and you didn't disappoint...



Marko with giant bear Ted



James with his Grandad Ray Bear

MUSIC



Spitfires are flying high

FRONTMAN BILLY SULLIVAN VENTS HIS FRUSTRATION AT MODERN MUSIC. MARTIN NEAL FINDS OUT WHY

If your idea of music is banging electronic basslines that play in the background of the club when you're out for a few vodka and cranberries on a Saturday night, stay well away when The Spitfires return to Essex later this year.

The Spitfires, you see, are a real band. A spiky four-piece, they use an edgy brand of rock that fuses punk, soul, reggae and ska, to document real issues that real people can connect with.

They hit No 1 in the vinyl charts with *So Long* in 2016 and their third album *Year Zero* was released in July to rave reviews.

As you'd expect from a third album, it bears the hallmarks of a band that still has its youthful exuberance – the boys are still in their early 20s – but finds them more confident and willing to flex their creative muscles.

"When you bring your first album out, you don't know what you're doing," says singer/songwriter and guitarist Billy Sullivan.

"Then on the second album it's where people make mistakes because they think they know what they're doing,

"By the time the third album comes along you've got enough knowledge and songs to make a more complete album.

"Most bands don't even get past their second album these days, they get dropped or split up before that. But we're too stubborn to give up!"

When Billy and the boys (bassist Sam Long, drummer Matt Johnson and keyboard player George Moorhouse) first started making music, though, the notion of making a third album was something they couldn't have even dreamt of.

"We were 17-18 when we started," explained Billy, "and we just wanted to play.

"We had no real intention of doing an album because we thought you needed a record deal, so I was writing one song at a time.

"Now I'm writing songs for an album, so it's tougher now, really."

Using influences like The Jam, The Specials and The Clash as a platform, The Spitfires' sound and outlook was never likely to be anything but bursting with substance, style and swagger.

It's a scenario that was familiar when Weller, Hall and Strummer ruled the roost but is

so often sadly missing in music these days.

Consequently much of The Spitfires' audience has a few more years on the clock than the band themselves, and Billy admits: "I don't know what young people are looking for in music any more.

"Music today is instant and free and there is no meaning to it. It's just on the background of a club and not something you can get your hands on.

"My experiences of music made me what I am. We've never said 'we can't wait to be on ****ing Spotify' – we said 'we can't have an album in our hands'.

"I can't see what direction we're going in with music – there has got to be some sort of change.

"Maybe there needs to be an injection of intelligence.

"Our music is about our surroundings and things that we know because they are important. There is more substance to music like that – the crowd can find some meaning within our songs.

"The Jam, The Clash and The Specials pretty much taught me everything I know musically and politically – even the way I dress.

"I drew a sense of identity from them and they opened my mind to a lot of things. I wasn't interested in school or football."

The band are currently enjoying a rare spell of down time – a conscious decision to let fans familiarise themselves with the new album before a lengthy tour starts in October.

"There's not been one dodgy review of the album," enthuses Billy, "it's all been really positive. We half-expected that, though, because it's a really good album.

"It took a year to make, though, so we'd heard it so many times that by the time it came out we had no idea if it was good or not."

They plan to play a sizeable chunk of *Year Zero* when they hit the road, and the first time fans will get to hear them do that is at Chinnerys on Southend seafront on Friday, October 5.

"I love it there," said Billy. "I think it's one of the best venues in the country.

"We've done two previous gigs there – it's a great set-up and the gaffer is really nice."

For tickets (priced £14.85 including fees) visit www.seetickets.com

BEST GIGS



■ A, WHEATUS, INME, VARIOUS DATES AND VENUES IN NOVEMBER

Dave McPherson of Brentwood alt-rockers InMe can't wait to hit the road this winter.

A, now with McFly's Dougie Poynter on bass, will be performing their classic *Hi-Fi Serious* album in full while Wheatus will be celebrating the 18th birthday of their worldwide smash *Teenage Dirtbag*.

InMe get the show started and McPherson said: "We're thrilled to be a part of this incredible tour. It's the perfect line-up for us to get our teeth back in the game. We have exciting news incoming and sharing a stage with such legendary bands is a dream scenario for us to launch the next chapter of InMe."

The tour visits the O2 Shepherds Bush Empire on Wednesday, November 21. Visit www.myticket.co.uk for tickets

■ CONNOR SELBY, THE BASSMENT, CHELMSFORD, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Connor is just 20 and is being hailed by some as the new Eric Clapton with his soulful voice and his stunning guitar playing.

He won a scholarship to Berkley Music College in the USA – known as the world's best – but he turned it down after getting a record contract and interest from a top manager.

His album and shows are getting stunning reviews and he has teamed up with Joe Anderton – another local young singer/songwriter and guitarist. This show is also his official album launch night.



DOWN THE PUB

The Bull pub in Colchester has confirmed that gigs will continue as booked after a change of management. This Saturday will see new wave and punk specialists The Statins play there.

Gigs for September 14-16

■ **The Bull, Colchester:** Saturday – The Statins

■ **Cricketers, Southend:** Saturday – Nikki & The Switchblades

■ **Horse & Groom, Braintree:** Saturday – Hedgehog

■ **Waggon at Wix:** Saturday – Space Rocks

■ **Rose & Crown, Bishops Stortford:** Friday –

Wonkey Donkey; Saturday – The Phil Hilborne Band

■ **Golden Fleece, Chelmsford:** Friday – The

Earnshaws; Saturday – 6 String Makeover

■ **Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend:**

Friday (8pm) – Das Fluff; Saturday – (4.30pm) Tom Hingley;

(9pm) – Bob Collum

■ **Boars Head, Braintree:** Friday – Replica; Saturday – Yellowhouse

■ **Cow & Telescope, Southend:** Friday – Scooby;

Saturday – Beagles

■ **Cock Inn, Bishops Stortford:** Saturday – Guilty

Pleasures

■ **United Brethren, New Writtle Street,**

Chelmsford: Friday – Paolo Morena; Saturday – Medicine

FILM REVIEWS

With Damon Smith

ALSO OUT THIS WEEK

KING OF THIEVES (15)

In April 2015, Hatton Garden – London's famed jewellery quarter – became the scene of a daring and audacious robbery.



Over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend when the street was closed for business, a team of criminals descended a lift shaft to access the basement then used a heavy-duty drill to bore through walls, providing them with access to a vault of safety deposit boxes filled with priceless treasures.

The thieves ransacked dozens of boxes and escaped in a waiting van.

Newspapers speculated wildly that the stolen haul could be worth as much as £200 million.

Around six weeks after the robbery, the Metropolitan Police announced nine arrests and a gang of 60- and 70-something career criminals were unmasked as the perpetrators of the audacious heist.

King Of Thieves dramatises the robbery, offering one expletive-laden version of events masterminded by screenwriter Joe Penhall.

Considering the rich source material and an Oscar-calibre cast led by Sir Michael Caine and Jim Broadbent, director James Marsh's film is curiously devoid of suspense or engaging characters.

The only thing separating this lacklustre tale of dodgy geezers and divided loyalties from Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels' countless imitators is the advancing years of the central protagonists.

Career criminal Brian Reader (Sir Michael Caine) is devastated by the death of his wife, who made him promise that he would "stay out of mischief" when she was gone.

He commiserates in the company of friends and associates including exuberant technical wizard Basil (Charlie Cox), who hopes to persuade Brian to lead a daring heist.

Basil claims to have insider knowledge about the security system and layout of the Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Ltd, which holds millions of pounds in cash and uncut diamonds in its subterranean vault.

Brian considers breaking his promise to his wife as he chats with associates Terry Perkins (Jim Broadbent), John Kenny Collins (Sir Tom Courtenay) and Danny Jones (Ray Winstone), who urge the veteran thief to listen to Basil because, "If you don't have a go, someone else will".

The men start their reconnaissance and involve another friend, Carl Wood (Paul Whitehouse), plus a fence called Billy "The Fish" Lincoln (Sir Michael Gambon), who will shift any jewellery and gems through his underground network.

King Of Thieves struggles to pickpocket our undivided attention for 108 minutes, losing dramatic momentum as tempers flare and fissures appear in the band of brothers as they divide their glittering spoils.

Caine, Broadbent and Courtenay are always watchable but the script doesn't test their acting mettle while Gambon embraces his thinly sketched character's wide-eyed lunacy to comical effect.

Marsh stages the pivotal robbery with assurance but his film arrives a week after the riveting true-life crime thriller American Animals, and wilts in comparison.



Constance Wu as Rachel.

PA Photo/Warner Bros.

EASTERN PROMISE

CRAZY RICH ASIANS (12)

★★★★★

If Richard Curtis transplanted one of his frothy romantic comedies full of beautiful, privileged people falling in love across the class divide to the Far East, the result would be strikingly similar to Crazy Rich Asians.

Based on the novel by Kevin Kwan, Jon M Chu's crowd-pleasing confection relies on well-worn genre tropes and lovingly gift-wraps every luxurious frame in the splendour of modern-day Singapore.

Chu's film invests almost two hours showcasing the south-east Asian state's breath-taking beaches, spectacular high-rise hotels, designer boutiques and mouth-watering street food.

If the island wasn't already high on your list of dream holiday destinations, it will be before the end credits roll.

Scriptwriters Peter Chiarelli and Adele Lim don't stray from tried and tested rom-com conventions and they arm the good-looking all-Asian cast with some crisp one-liners including some standout barbs from Awkwafina, who was last seen stealing scenes and jewels in Ocean's 8.

The upbeat soundtrack seamlessly melds east and west with Chinese Mandarin cover versions of familiar hits including Money (That's What I Want), Madonna's Material Girl and Coldplay's anthem Yellow.

New York University lecturer Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) has been raised in America by her single mother Kerry (Tan Kheng Hua), who worries about her daughter's sense of cultural identity.

"I'm so Chinese, I'm an economics professor who's

lactose intolerant," jokingly retorts Rachel.

The tug of war between east and west intensifies when Rachel's boyfriend Nick (Henry Golding) invites her to accompany him to Singapore to attend the wedding of good friends Colin (Chris Pang) and Araminta (Sonoya Mizuno).

Rachel is blissfully unaware that Nick is the golden boy of Singapore's wealthiest dynasty headed by ferocious matriarch Eleanor (Michelle Yeoh), who expects her boy to take up the reins of the family business

and marry into money. Eleanor is deeply unimpressed with lowly academic Rachel as Nick's choice of partner and the mother makes clear her intent to remind her son of his responsibilities.

"When children are away from home too long they forget who they are," she observes coldly.

Meanwhile, Rachel supports Nick's cousin Astrid (Gemma Chan) as her marriage fractures and the new arrival prepares for the wedding with a makeover courtesy of her fashion-conscious friend Goh Peik Lin (Awkwafina) and Nick's flamboyant second cousin Oliver (Nico Santos), who playfully describes himself as "the rainbow sheep of the family".

Crazy Rich Asians is a sweet and heartfelt frolic through the battlefields of love, which delivers a full complement of uproarious laughter and tugged heartstrings.

Wu and Golding, making his feature film debut, are a delightful on-screen pairing while Yeoh keeps her fiercely protective mother the right side of caricature.

A prologue set in a rain-drenched 1995 London is hard to swallow but the rest of director Chu's silky-smooth cocktail goes down a treat.



Awkwafina as Goh Peik Lin.

PA Photo/Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc./RatPac-Dune Entertainment LLC /Sanja Bucko.

SPOTLIGHT

I'm proud of playing Jim McDonald

COP A LOAD OF CORRIE
STAR CHARLES LAWSON.
MARION McMULLEN FINDS
OUT WHY THE SOAP VETERAN
IS TRADING THE COBBLES
FOR CLUES AS FAMOUS
DETECTIVE REBUS

You've made a dramatic return to Coronation Street. What has it been like playing Jim McDonald again?
 I FILMED the final scenes last weekend. It's like riding a bike really. I've been acting now for 40 years and it's another job (laughs), but a well-paid job.

I could do it standing on my head really. I'm very proud of the character of Jim and they always write very well for me. I've never had a problem of people mistaking me for the character. I think they are aware it's fiction.

I finished filming all my scenes just before rehearsals began for Rebus so it worked out well.

You're playing writer Ian Rankin's famous detective on stage in the world premiere of Rebus: Long Shadows. Did you know much about the character beforehand?

I'VE read one of Ian's Rebus books and that was it. I'm coming to it fresh. We have the writer Rona (Munro) with us who wrote the play with Ian and she is a big help with any information we need.

Her contributions are very useful and it is a thrilling piece of theatre.

The script is 140 pages long and my character features on 103 pages so I'm never really off stage.

Have you and Ian had a chance to meet yet?

IAN and I have been in contact over the last few months and we have



Author Ian Rankin



Ken Stott played Insp Rebus on TV

tried to meet, but unfortunately we are both very busy people and just haven't managed it yet.

We've spoken on the phone ... and I know his favourite pub in Edinburgh.

Are you good at figuring out whodunnit in TV crime dramas?

I DON'T really watch telly that much. I'd rather be in a pub. My wife Debbie keeps up with the telly stuff and whatever is on.

I watched the wonderful Neil Morrissey and Adrian Dunbar in Line Of

Duty, but I don't watch a lot of TV at all. I'm actually staying with Neil during rehearsals.

How are rehearsals going with fellow cast members like Cathy Tyson and John Stahl?

VERY productive. We've worked our way through the play and now it all

“Many [actors] don't go to drama school anymore. They go straight to TV and films and never do any theatre. I think that's their loss.

really starts. I like to be here two hours before everyone else in the morning. Once on tour we can have a bit of fun.

You just can't go to bed after a performance. We'll have a few in the places that we visit. It's only a two-month tour and we're opening in Birmingham and going to Edinburgh, Malvern, Nottingham, Manchester, Northampton, Aberdeen, Guildford – all over the country.

How are you managing with the Scottish accent?

THE accent is not a problem. I've got a good ear and I've lived for years in Scotland so it's not bad. It's all part of being an actor. In 40 years I've had to play a lot of different roles and characters.

Many [actors] don't go to drama school anymore. They go straight to TV and films and never do any theatre. I think that's their loss, but you've got to be good. There are lots of young actors out there who are s**t hot. You go out pretty quickly if you are not.

I worked with the Royal



With his Corrie co-star Beverly Callard in 1995

Shakespeare Company, Hull Truck Theatre and English Shakespeare Theatre.

John Hannah and Ken Stott have both played Rebus on TV. How did the stage role come your way?

THEY asked me at Easter time to do it. It was offered to me, I didn't have to audition or anything, which was great, very nice.

Roxy (Birmingham Rep artistic director Roxana Silbert) said 'we want to offer you this.' I was aware of the Rep in Birmingham and have wanted to work there for many years so I can now tick it off the wish list.

Is there anything else on the wish list?

I'D like to work at the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh, but I'm not that ambitious. To be happy, to have fun, a drink and bit of craic, that's the height of my ambition. Maybe a King Lear in the future and I always wanted to do Macbeth, but I'm older now. It's such a great play (laughs) and it's short. I learned the role before many years ago, but the production fell through.

What's next after the tour?

I'M doing pre-production on a programme called Are We There Yet? for PBS America, Dark Heart for ITV, which is a crime drama, and a documentary for Sky about the battle of Monte Cassino in Italy.

But after all this I'm going to a place in the Highlands for a couple of months.

■ The UK tour of Rebus: Long Shadows opens at Birmingham Rep on September 20. Go to birmingham-rep.co.uk for details.



Janette and Aljaz

STRICTLY PAIR'S MOVIE TRIBUTE

STRICTLY Come Dancing's husband and wife team Janette Manrara and Aljaz Skorjanec will be celebrating film classics as part of a major new UK tour.

Remembering The Movies will see them pay tribute to memorable and award-winning films with dazzling dance routines like Saturday Night Fever, The Greatest Showman and Cabaret.

Janette says: "Remembering The Movies is a brand new show that will feature a host of great songs and dances from the movies that we all know and love."

The 42-date tour begins on March 21 next year. Go to rememberingthemovies.com for ticket details.

MRS DOUBTFIRE... THE MUSICAL

COMEDY film Mrs Doubtfire is to be turned into a Broadway musical.

The stage production, based on the 1993 movie starring the late Robin Williams, will be directed by four-time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks and the cast will be announced at a later date.

The movie about a struggling actor who disguises himself as a nanny in order to see his children following a bitter divorce was a worldwide success, grossing £345 million.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF RETURNS

TOP theatre director Sir Trevor Nunn is bringing musical **Fiddler On The Roof** back to the London stage.

Previews of the revival will begin at the Menier Chocolate Factory on November 23 and the show will run until March 9 next year.

The musical is famous for songs like If I Were A Rich Man, Sunrise Sunset and Matchmaker, Matchmaker.

Go to menierchocolatefactory.com for booking details.



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BOOKSHELF

Countdown's Nick Hower talks to **HANNAH STEPHENSON** about being pals with Lord Sugar, how fame doesn't impress him, and why he has no time for reality TV

THERE are some things in life that former PR man and current Countdown presenter Nick Hower can't stand – and reality TV is one of them.

"I watched a bit of Celebrity Big Brother the other day. I would prefer to eat my leg, parboiled, through fishnet tights than do anything like that, or go into the jungle or any of that.

"It's awful that people do it. Maybe they're hard up and they need the money to pay the tax bill which they ignored, or maybe they want to resuscitate some fading career in showbiz. How can people put themselves at the mercy of looking ridiculous?" he asks incredulously.

In the next breath, he admits: "I did it on The Great Celebrity Bake Off, which was terrifying. I nearly had a nervous breakdown because of it. I went home and didn't speak to anyone for four days because I thought I looked such an idiot.

"The only reason I did it was that it was for a good cause. I'm patron of Pancreatic Cancer Action and the whole thing was for Stand Up To Cancer."

Nick's dry, acerbic wit and mock bafflement at some of the goings-on around him – characteristics which gained him legions of fans during his 10 years as Lord Sugar's adviser on The Apprentice – are ever-present in his conversation, and he is indeed 'a humorous, all-round good bloke', as Jo Brand puts it.

I catch him as he's heading off for a break in south-west France, where he has a rural bolthole, before he hits the literary festival circuit in the UK with his new memoir, *My Alphabet*.

In it, he charts alphabetically – but not chronologically – his life and times, from A for The Apprentice, to Z for Z-List, the category of celebrity he thinks he might be in as he reaches his twilight years.

Nick is now 74, but his TV career on The Apprentice started when he was nearing 60 and he did it for 10 years.

He still watches the show, and is still good friends with Lord Sugar, whom he met in 1983 when, as a PR, he was taken on by Amstrad (founded by Sugar) to help with the launch of its home computers.

"He's terrific fun and dangerous and exciting," Nick says of his friend. "He kicked off The Apprentice thing, which sparked 14 years of an extended career which has been extraordinarily beneficial, enabling me to bank some money when I should have been retired, and it also kept me working in interesting things."

He believes shows like The Apprentice and Dragons' Den demystify business, although he laments that so many youngsters seek celebrity status over substance.

"The tragedy is, if I were to ask 16 and 17-year-olds what they want to do, they would all say they want to be rich and famous and recognised.

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Nick Hower has written a memoir, top, which covers everything from A to Z. A is for Apprentice which he worked on with Baroness Karren Brady and Lord Sugar, left.

They want it quick and they want it now. And they'll kill to get it.

"I would say, forget trying to be famous because only a few get there and most disappear after 15 minutes."

Nick has stayed in touch with Apprentice candidates Saira Khan, Tim Campbell and Miriam Staley, and remains a fan of the show.

"I got out because I was too tired," he explains. "It was so exhausting. And I was getting a bit irritable."

Now, of course, he has presenting Countdown to keep him busy, but he recently dropped the after-dinner speaker circuit to make more time for himself and his partner of 20 years, Catherine.

He dedicates the book to Catherine, writing that she "righted this old boat, caulked the hull, took

the helm and steered me into safer and kinder waters."

Indeed, after he was divorced from his first wife in the Eighties and initially saw less of his two children, James and Katie, he threw himself further into work and bought the house in France with a view that the children could spend holidays there – although that didn't work out.

"I threw myself into work. It was a seven-days-a-week job. The office became my home. Not seeing my children was a big sadness but that's the way divorced fathers sometimes have to live.

"The divorce did affect my relationship with my children. It's OK now. But it took a long time."

He's now a grandfather of five, but laments that he's not good

enough at his new role.

"I'm not attentive enough. I'm still working too hard. Whenever I'm invited to the children's plays or to a football match, I'm not available. I'm afraid I've still got that work ethic, which I'm going to try to kill off."

He's done mammoth road trips through Russia, Mongolia and Sierra Leone, partly because he loves adventure and cars, and to raise money for charity.

"I may have turned a corner in terms of age," he muses. "I'm beginning to worry about it. At 70, something goes clunk and you suddenly realise you're not as agile as you were. Mortality certainly is on one's mind and one is more concentrating on how to deal with it when the time comes."

He didn't hit a low point when he turned 70, but he was aware that he was 'creaking and groaning'; he admits with a laugh.

In the book, Nick charts his various ailments and weaknesses over the years, the migraines triggered by smoking (which he gave up 20 years ago) and coffee, a colonoscopy, high blood pressure and a being an inch away from a stroke, which has been remedied with hypertension tablets.

Lord Sugar has never persuaded Hower to accompany him on his gruelling cycle rides.

"Have you seen him all geared up in his Lycra ready to go for 30 miles – and I'm about to go for breakfast? He'll go 60 miles before lunch. He's a very fit guy."

Reflecting on how fame has changed his life, he says: "Am I enamoured of the celebrity lifestyle? Absolutely not. I'm quite happy down in south-west France, where nobody knows me from a hole in the road."

He's about to sign a two-year contract for Countdown, a show he's clearly very proud of, but turns a lot down these days, including an approach from Strictly.

"It's a fantastic show but I'd have a heart attack within the first two minutes. The energy and athleticism is beyond description," says Nick. "It's not my sort of thing. Nobody's stitching me into a red satin shirt, I can tell you."

■ *My Alphabet: A Life From A to Z* by Nick Hower, Simon & Schuster, £20.

LATEST TITLES

NORMAL PEOPLE by Sally Rooney, Faber & Faber, £14.99 (ebook £6.99)

★★★★★

SALLY Rooney had a lot to live up to after her 2017 debut novel, *Conversations With Friends*, was a runaway success earning the illustrious Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year prize.

Fans can relax: *Normal People* is a triumph. The story centres on the high school friendship of Marianne and Connell. It's a roller coaster that will break your heart, but also fill it with joy and hope.

The lead characters come from the same small Irish town, but have very different backgrounds.

Together, they move to study at Trinity College, learning to navigate each other, society and Dublin with varying degrees of success. It sounds overblown, but we are so lucky that Sally Rooney is writing – her style spare, her approach to dialogue quite exquisite.

WOMEN TALKING

by Miriam Toews, Faber & Faber, £12.99 (ebook £6.47)

★★★★★

THIS short novel imagines a series of conversations among the women of a Mennonite colony in Bolivia as they decide whether to quit or stick with a community that expects them to forgive men who sexually assaulted them.

It's based on the experiences of women of the remote Manitoba Colony, who during the 2000s, were knocked out with animal anaesthetic and raped by several men in their community. Toews takes these real events and weaves a response, in the form of the minutes of a meeting, as eight of the women meet and try to navigate a way through the constraints of their lives and the suffering forced upon them and their children.

The women are conflicted and contradictory, and vividly wrought – you become simultaneously attached, furious and frustrated with them all, wanting to pitch in with your own outrage and opinions on what they should do before the men get back from the city.

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2

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The embellishment is a nice touch on these Mary Janes, **£23, Dorothy Perkins**

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These satin bow pumps are a stylish alternative to party heels, **£39, Miss Selfridge**

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The low cowboy boot is making a comeback this season. These are just **£25 by George at Asda**

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Team these block-heeled ankle boots with an all-black ensemble for a chic look, **£75, Topshop**

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Belleek Living Mirage pastry set (cake slice and 6 forks), Debenhams, was £25, now £9.95. **SAVE: £15.05**



Denby sage green side plates (4), TK Maxx, were £32, now £19.99. **SAVE: £12.01**

5A Fifth Avenue gold-embroidered cotton napkins (4), Dunelm, were £12, now £6. **SAVE: £6**



It's not too late to claim for summer flight delays

SUMMER is now over and, sadly, there's little you can do to repair a holiday ruined by flight delay or cancellation (eg from a strike like Ryanair's) but many are entitled to up to £550 per person in compensation. In fact this applies even for delays as far back as 2012.

The rules apply to EU regulated flights. This is about EU regulation 261/2004 – and it's important to mention that rule in any complaint you make as it has specific rules (it's due to move into UK law once we leave the EU).

This means you can claim a fixed amount of compensation if you meet the criteria below, for flights going back to 2012: 1) It must be an 'EU regulated flight'. That means the flight must have left from an EU airport (including all UK airports) or arrived at an EU airport (but in this case it must be an EU airline). 2) It must have ARRIVED 3hrs+ late. It doesn't matter how late you leave, it's all about how late you arrived. So if you're on a flight that takes



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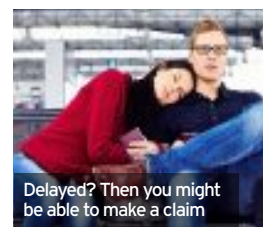
off four hours late but arrives two hours 55 minutes late – you're not over the three hours needed to get compensation. Technically the time that counts is when the door opens to get off the plane. 3) It must have been the airline's fault to claim. So things like bad weather, airport staff strikes or political problems doesn't count. However, things that are under the airline's control such as staffing problems, poor planning, and now even technical problems caused by not fixing regular wear and tear, all count.

Ryanair has declared it won't pay compensation for the strike by some of its Irish pilots in July as it says it wasn't at fault. Yet the regulator, the Civil Aviation, has said you should get it. So if it rejects you in the first instance carry

on to the next stage (see below). 4) You are entitled to cash. Airlines sometimes offer vouchers, so unless they're offering more, you can formally say you want cash.

HOW DO I PUT IN A CLAIM? YOU can to this is at mse.me/flightdelays. But if you want to do it manually, first, write to the airline stating the details of your delay and asking for the compensation.

If rejected, then depending



on where you flew from and the airline you flew with, you can go to the relevant regulators for that country, or one of several new Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) schemes many airlines have signed up to.

HOW MUCH COMPENSATION CAN I GET?

THE amount you get is fixed solely on the flight length and delay time. So a 1,000km flight delayed by three hours is €250 (£220ish) per person, while a 4,000km flight delayed for five hours is €600 (£540ish) per person.

WHAT IF MY FLIGHT WAS CANCELLED?

THEN you're entitled to the choice of a refund or a replacement flight – and that applies whether it is the airline's fault or not.

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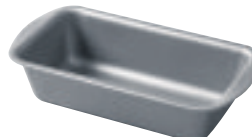
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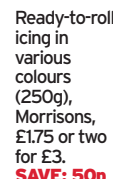


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Pathfinder

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Fish

J	O	R	I	N	K	S	D	U	C	T	I	C	A	R
O	D	Y	P	R	E	A	Y	A	K	S	L	K	P	R
H	N	G	H	F	F	L	M	B	M	B	E	E	L	O
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A	C	K	Y	S	A	P	A	H	A	P	A	R	R	O
S	I	E	S	D	H	E	G	S	S	A	C	U	A	L
H	F	L	M	A	C	R	N	I	K	B	A	D	B	E

Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

H	T	U	O	R	K	N	R
I	A	E	C	Y	O		
R	D	I	R	E	L	S	R
E	W	L	A	E	T		
T	S	I	F	N	H	K	S

Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy

	8		7					4
3				2	4	7	8	
	4		3				9	2
		2		3			1	
8	3				7		2	9
	7			8	6	4		
7	1			4				
		9	6	1			7	8
	2	8			5		4	

Hard

			7				9	5
	5		6		3	2		
					6		1	
	2						7	
	3			1			8	
7			9				2	
8		9						
		2	4		9		3	
3	6				5			

Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

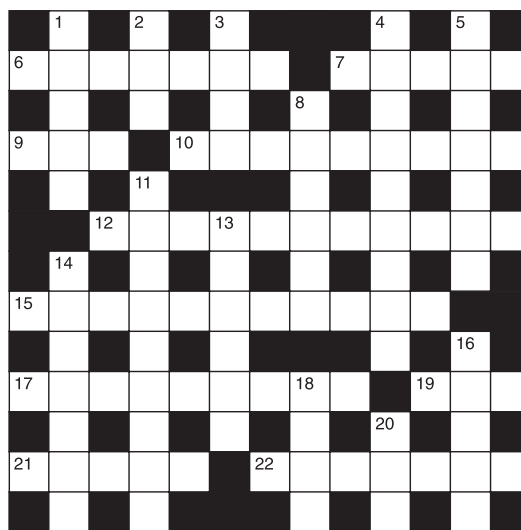
Cryptic

Across

- Set free, but abused in return (7)
- Petal shaped fold (5)
- Put back the gratuity - it's mine (3)
- Murderer is an unidentified man about fifty (9)
- Order given by teachers (11)
- Frank about the future? (11)
- Sunny reflections? (9)
- He gets red if a stranger addresses him (3)
- Increase the strain (5)
- Simon is upset by the job (7)

Down

- Being ordered to start (5)
- This craft is often taken up (3)
- Trial by fire? (4)
- An illumination for the landing (9)
- An officer over many a sailor (7)
- Could be cleaner, though there's nothing in it (6)
- Gives an example in one's attitudes (9)
- Bill of fare (6)
- Flags indicating we've won the mountain pass? (7)
- Boat causes waters to rise (5)
- I am crazy about a girl (4)
- Make second-hand (3)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

- Distribute (7)
- Crease (5)
- Mine (3)
- Throttler (9)
- Teaching (11)
- Approaching (11)
- Rays of moonlight (9)
- Man's name (3)
- Rear (5)
- Duty (7)

Down

- Commence (5)
- Atmosphere (3)
- Warmth (4)
- Settling (9)
- Sailor (7)
- Free space (6)
- Examples (9)
- Travel pass (6)
- Hues (7)
- Boat (5)
- Servant (4)
- Employ (3)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

10	5	4	24			12			23	15	12	26
	6			19	9	20	10	4		26		10
22	8	15	26	14		15		20	13	21	24	7
	21			21		22		15		8		8
	9	7	19	11	15	21	12	26		21	21	8
10				15		21				26		20
7	13	7	25	21	6		23	5	24	26	7	10
9		8				16		4				26
9	5	24		20	1	21	9	18	8	20	10	
5		21		7		21		8			14	
20	9	17	5	12		4		15	4	8	5	12
9		9		14	21	8	5	3			26	
26	10	7	17			2			18	7	16	21

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
							L					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	U											

Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:

15 words - average; 20 words - good; 25 words - very good; 30 or more - excellent.

T	O	N
I	N	E
I	F	C

Quiz

- Michael Caine and Michael Gambon are among the stars of which new film about a crew of retired crooks attempting a major heist in London's jewellery district?
- By what name is the sodium salt of glutamic acid, used as a flavour enhancer in foods, known?
- Of which alcoholic drink are Cognac and Armagnac varieties?
- Which American president was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth while watching a play?



Q1 - Michael Caine

- On what day in August does the grouse-shooting season begin?
- What name is given to the molten rock that may be extruded from a volcano as lava?
- Who wrote children's stories about the land of Narnia?
- What is the second planet from the sun?
- What was the nom de plume of British short story writer Hector Hugh Munro?
- Of which Caribbean country is Port-au-Prince the capital?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

Konnie Huq, Liz Barker, John Leslie, Diane-Louise Jordan, Matt Baker, Janet Ellis, Valerie Singleton, Peter Purves, Yvette Fielding, Stuart Miles, Christopher Trace, Katy Hill, Helen Skelton, Andy Akinwolere, Tim Vincent, Lindsey Russell, John Noakes, Leila Williams, Anthea Turner.

Quiz

- 9-1-1; 2 Nougat; 3 Saxophone;
- Perth; 5 Richard Branson; 6 Acid rain;
- Mont Blanc; 8 Limerick; 9 Ghana;
- Marlon Brando

Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 7 Public figures; 8 Strained; 9 Purl; 10 Inlets; 12 Assign; 14 Aspire; 16 Luring; 18 Leap; 20 Headgear; 22 Presented arms.
Down: 1 Butt ends; 2 Cleave; 3 Icon; 4 Windfall; 5 Rumpus; 6 Year; 11 Seething; 13 Gendarme; 15 Impish; 17 Ragman; 19 Eire; 21 Alec.

Wordsquare

VICTIMISE

Sudoku

3	8	9	5	7	6	2	1	4
7	2	1	3	9	4	6	8	5
6	5	4	8	1	2	3	7	9
4	6	8	7	5	1	9	2	3
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5	9	6	1	3	7	8	4	2
8	4	3	2	6	5	7	9	1
2	1	7	4	8	9	5	3	6

Split Decision

W	I	D	O	W
O		A		A
R		R		L
T		E		L
H		I		S

Codeword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
R	N	O	F	P	X	E	T	I	L	H	D	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
M	U	K	A	C	G	J	S	Y	W	B	Q	V

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This lovely family home comes with underfloor heating throughout, a study, ground floor cloakroom, lounge with sliding doors leading to a secluded courtyard, fitted kitchen/diner. PAGES 2&3



AMAZING INTERIOR

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VIBRANT AND COLOURFUL HARLOW FAMILY HOME



This quirky and colourful family home in Harlow has landed on the market and is sure to be in hot demand. Located on Moss Lane in the Newhall area of the town this three bedroom property has plenty of selling points.

Marketed by Intercounty and available at offers in excess of £400,000, the property has benefited from many upgrades made by the current owners.

As a result it is immaculate and beautifully presented inside.

The ground floor of the house comprises of cloakroom, study and a lounge with sliding doors leading out to the secluded courtyard.

There is also a vibrant green fitted kitchen/diner that is perfect for family mealtimes as well as entertaining.

On the first floor there are two bedrooms with the master bedroom benefiting from an en-suite. The upstairs also has a well-designed family bathroom as well as a garden terrace to enjoy the outdoor weather.

On the top floor there is another double bedroom with a large storage cupboard. Outside the home there is also off street parking and internal viewing is a must.

Located in Newhall the property is also perfectly located for families to enjoy what is on offer in Harlow as well as elsewhere in Essex.

The town centre is a few minutes drive away while Harlow Mill and Harlow Town train stations are both within two miles of the house. The main A414 road as well as the M11 motorway are also within close reach making road trips easy for any family.

For more information on this stunning house call 01279 949054.



YOUR HOME

Projects that promise a great return

Prefer to stay put than move house? **LISA SALMON** seeks some expert tips for the renovations that get the best returns

Increasing numbers of homeowners are avoiding the expense of moving house, by renovating instead.

In fact, the number of people choosing to do this has risen fivefold since 2013, according to a recent report by Hiscox Insurance – increasing from 3% of households to 15%, representing more than four million UK homes.

Supporting the notion that we're becoming a nation of home-improvers, figures from Halifax show that planning applications have risen by a quarter over the last five years. Meanwhile, Hiscox found the average budget for home renovations was around £16,100, although 18% of the householders surveyed expected to spend more than £25,000.

According to the research, homeowners are most likely to either renovate a bathroom or add a new one, followed by kitchen improvements, installing a new boiler or central heating system, or creating more living space. However, not every home-improvement project will automatically add value to a property.

"Cheap is cheap – nothing kills the value of a property more than doing cheap work in it. Estate agents have

told me they've seen sellers with tears in their eyes, when they find out that construction work worth thousands of pounds hasn't added a single penny to their home," says Ash Chawla, chief executive of the design/build company Duke of Design (dukeofdesign.co.uk). So, what does Duke of Design recommend?

1 CONSERVATORIES

The simplest home addition is a conservatory, which Virgin Money research says can raise the value of your home by as much as 15% if it's included as part of an extension, or by 5% if it's just a simple conservatory. Ash says choosing the right materials can help conservatories blend well with modern and period properties. "The key is to use materials other than the commonly seen white UPVC," he says. "A muted, more sophisticated palette of taupe and grey-painted wooden frames camouflages itself in a natural setting."

2 EXTENSIONS

Estate agents surveyed by Hiscox believe the best way of spending money on your home is by having an extension built, saying the addition of a new bedroom could boost the

average home's value by 11.2%.

They reckon a new kitchen, meanwhile, will typically increase a home's value by 5.5% (or £12,400 based on an average UK house price of £226,071), although 28% think a new kitchen can lift a home's value by as much as 10%.

A single storey extension can be built in as little as three weeks once planning permission is granted, says Ash, who suggests an average sized £30,000 single-storey rear kitchen extension on a £500,000 home can lead to a profit of £30,000-£35,000.

3 REMODELLING

Remodelling an existing kitchen – by adding high quality units and flooring, purpose lighting and redecorating – could increase a property's value by as much as 4%, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors – although Ash warns that expensive purchases should be kept in proportion to the value of the property.

"The most successful kitchen extensions consider the whole home," he explains. "By removing internal walls, you can connect the kitchen to the dining room." Alternatively, you may choose to link the kitchen to the garden by using windows or patio doors.



Extensions, above, loft conversions, right, and conservatories, top, are great ways to add value to your property

4 GARDEN LANDSCAPING

"The garden can become the hub of home life and can work seamlessly with your home," says Ash.

For family-sized homes, ensure the outdoor space is suitable for the growing needs of a family with low-maintenance planting and landscaping, while a small courtyard garden may appeal to younger working couples. The cost of landscaping a garden can be as little as £2,000, but Ash says spending a little more can lead to a potential return of £40,000 on a £500,000 house.

5 PARKING

Most towns and cities have a parking problem, Ash points out. "By providing viable parking facilities, you can increase your property price dramatically," he promises.

You could either convert land at the front or side of your property to add a driveway or parking space, or add a garage – possibly by converting an existing outside building, if there's

suitable access, or by building a garage extension.

Full garage conversions commonly add up to 8-10% to your value, says Ash, particularly in areas where parking is a premium.

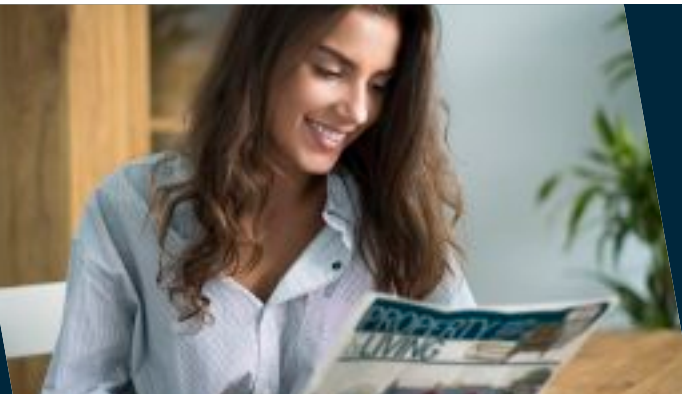
6 LOFT AND BASEMENT CONVERSIONS

The Hiscox report says loft extensions are the most popular planning request. They don't always require planning permission, although they do need to meet building regulations to be classed as a room.

The Nationwide Building Society says the average cost to convert an attic is around £20,000, which rises to approximately £35,000-£45,000 if you're creating a dormer loft with double bedroom and bathroom.

Just boarding out the loft for storage is unlikely to make much impact on the price of your property, and Ash stresses: "If financial gain is your goal, converting the loft into a usable room is the way to go."

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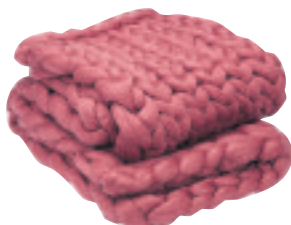
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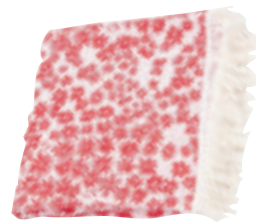
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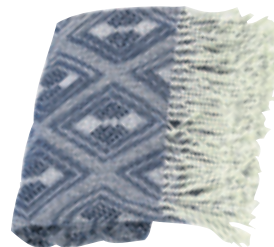
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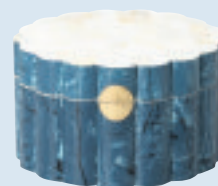
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Take A Look



NEW

All About The Location
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MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY
• Five Bedrooms • Two Reception
• Conservatory • Link Detached
• Two Bathrooms • EPC Rating: C



NEW ON

£440,000
MAGPIE ROAD, NEWHALL
• Four Bedrooms • High Specification
• Two Bathrooms • Garage & Parking
• Semi Detached Townhouse • EPC Rating: TBC



OPEN VIEWS

£550,000
THE GREEN, SURROUNDING VILLAGES
• Semi Detached • Three Bedrooms
• Conservatory • Farm Land Views
• Two Reception • EPC Rating: TBC



NEW PRICE

PRICE GUIDE £550,000 - £580,000
CROWN CLOSE, SHEERING
• Three Bedrooms • Two Reception
• Planning For Annex • Detached Bungalow
• Lots Of Potential • EPC Rating: D



NEW ON

£610,000
THE LODGE, PISHIOBURY DRIVE
• Grade II Listed • Private Garden
• Detached Property • Detached Garage
• Three Bedrooms • Kitchen/Family Room



SUPERB

£645,000
PARINGDON ROAD, HARLOW
• Two Bedrooms • Stunning Living Space
• Outside Terrace • Beautiful Kitchen & Bath
• Gated Development • EPC Rating: B



BRAND NEW

£695,000
NEW POND STREET, NEWHALL
• Four Bedrooms • Detached House
• Three Bathrooms • High Specification
• Off Street Parking • CAT 6 Wiring Throughout



NEW ON

£800,000
DACRES GATE, FYFIELD
• Five Bedrooms • Four Bathrooms
• Gated Development • Mid Terrace
• Car Port & Gardens • EPC Rating: C



MUST VIEW

£950 PCM
MORLEY GROVE, HARLOW
• Two Bedrooms • Available early September
• Split Level Reception • Other Fees Apply
• Balcony • EPC Rating: E



MUST VIEW

£780 PCM
KITSON WAY, HARLOW
• One Bedroom • Available Now
• Modern Specification • Other Fees Apply
• Second Floor • EPC Rating: B



MUST VIEW

£875 PCM
THE CHASE, NEWHALL
• One Bedroom • Available Early November
• First Floor • Other Fees Apply
• Fully Integrated Kitchen • EPC Rating: B



MUST VIEW

£1,000 PCM
DAVENPORT, CHURCH LANGLEY
• Two Bedrooms • Available Now
• Off Road Parking • Other Fees Apply
• Paved Rear Garden • EPC Rating: C



NEW ON

£1,250 PCM
CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY
• Three Bedrooms • Available Now
• No Smokers / No Pets • Other Fees Apply
• Garage • EPC Rating: C

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£189,995

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Knights Court)

2 bedroom first floor apartment for the over 55's. Rarely available village centre location. Offered with no onward chain. 10 mins walk to the station. Call now for viewing. Sole agents.



£297,950

Sawbridgeworth (London Road)

Spacious 2 bedroom character cottage in the centre of the village and approximately a 10 min walk to train station. Large sitting room, modern kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, 65ft rear garden. Offered with no onward chain. Sole agents.



£329,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Riverfield Lane)

Extremely well-presented and renovated to a high standard a 2 double bedroom semi-detached home. Close to village centre and walking distance of train station. Luxury kitchen and bathroom, utility, 2 bedrooms, enclosed rear garden. Offered with no onward chain. Sole agents.



£365,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Brook End)

Beautifully presented 3 bedroom home with a modern kitchen and bathroom, 50ft south facing rear garden, stunning views over open fields to the rear and an en-bloc garage. Short walk to the town centre. Sole agents.



£379,950

Sawbridgeworth (Yewlands)

3 bedroom semi-detached home. 3 mins walk to the village centre and ideally positioned for F&B school. Sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, approximate 40ft south facing rear garden and single garage. Sole agents.



£389,950

GREAT HALLINGBURY (Cophall Close)

3 bedroom semi-detached home with planning permission to extend. Good size front and rear gardens plus a garage. Immediate vacant possession and no onward chain. Sole agents.



£389,950

HARLOW (Cock Green)

Beautiful character 3 bedroom semi-detached home with an enormous 217ft rear garden, modern open plan kitchen/dining room, living room, high quality bathroom and period features throughout. Sought after location. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



£425,000

HATFIELD BROAD OAK (Cage End)

3 double bedroom barn conversion on a mews development in a central village position. Large sitting room, study, en-suite to master bedroom, courtyard garden, carport and period views. Vacant possession. Sole agents.



£470,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Parkway)

Beautifully presented 3 double bedroom family home with a large open plan living area with bi-folding doors onto garden, luxury kitchen and bathroom, west facing rear garden, garage and parking. Sole agents.



£475,000

High Wyth

3 bedroom semi-detached cottage in a village centre location. Kitchen, living room, separate dining room, ground floor bedroom 3, ground floor shower room, 2 first floor bedrooms, large en-suite bathroom to master bedroom, good size plot with potential to build garage (stp). No onward chain. Sole agents.



£479,950

Sawbridgeworth (Gilders)

Beautifully presented and refurbished 3 bedroom home with scope for extension (stp), 5 mins walk from village centre and schools. Contemporary feel. 60ft landscaped rear garden with plunge pool, driveway and parking for 3 cars. Sole agents.



£495,000

Sawbridgeworth (Sayesbury Road)

Detached 3 bedroom Victorian home. Close to town centre and walking distance of train station. Spacious sitting/dining room, good size kitchen, conservatory, 100ft rear garden. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



£550,000

HATFIELD HEATH (Little Heath)

4 double bedroom detached extended family home with the most stunning kitchen/family room, ideal for entertaining with double opening doors through to a large living room. Utility and good size landscaped front and rear gardens. A real family house in this private cul-de-sac in this popular and sought after village.



£625,000

Sawbridgeworth (Gilders)

Spacious 4 bedroom detached house in a prime position of the village with scope for extension (stp). Walking distance of train station and schools. 75ft landscaped rear garden, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, large utility, downstairs cloakroom, bathroom, single garage, driveway and parking for 3 cars. Sole agents.



£1,450,000

WOODSIDE GREEN

Substantial 7,000 sq ft country house with a detached annexe, indoor swimming pool complex, kennel block, 1/2 acre plot, magnificent kitchen/family room, sitting room, games room, study, 5 bedrooms, 4 bath/shower rooms, cinema room. National Trust position. Sole agents.



£775pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (The Meadows)

Larger than average one bedroom apartment 2 minutes' walk to the mainline railway station. Comprising luxury kitchen and bathroom, good size sitting room and double bedroom with built-in wardrobes. Off road parking. Available now.



£785pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Waterside Place)

One of the largest one bedroom apartments in this grade II listed building only two minute walk from station. Spacious open plan living/dining room and kitchen plus larger than average double bedroom. Communal gardens. Available Mid October.



£795pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings)

Extremely well maintained unfurnished top floor apartment only a short walk to the mainline station and amenities. The property comprises entrance hall, sitting room, fitted kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. Outside there is allocated parking plus visitors parking.



£925pcm

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Dane House)

Spacious, furnished, top floor apartment. Large dual aspect living room, a kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Security entryphone system and allocated parking. 10 minute walk into the centre. Available mid September.



£975pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings)

An extremely well maintained three bedroom second floor unfurnished apartment only a short walk from the mainline station and also giving fine views. The property comprises entrance hall, large sitting/dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. Available now.



£1295pcm

MATCHING TYE (Newmans End)

Recently re-furnished two bedroom 18th century, Grade II listed cottage set in a beautiful rural hamlet. Kitchen/dining room, 40ft rear garden, exposed timbers and beams, large sitting room with log burner, newly fitted bathroom, single garage. Unfurnished and available now.



£1325pcm

BISHOPS STORTFORD (East Road)

Immaculately presented, 3 bedroom home situated in an ideal location within short walking distance of station. Living room, stunning open plan kitchen and dining area, brand new bathroom and three bedrooms. Good sized rear garden and permit parking on the road to the front. Available now.



£1375pcm

HATFIELD BROAD OAK (Cage End)

3 bed period barn conversion in a sought after location. Entrance hall, downstairs wc, fitted kitchen leading through to large lounge diner, separate study/playroom, two bedrooms to the first floor plus bathroom and further bedroom to the top floor. Courtyard rear garden and allocated parking, plus car port.



£2750pcm

THAXTED (Dunmow Road)

4/5 bedroom family home providing period and contemporary living, only a short distance from Thaxted and Great Dunmow. Magnificent kitchen/breakfast/dining room. Large rear garden and ample parking.



£2950pcm

LITTLE LAVER (Nr. Matching Green)

5 bedroom barn conversion providing spacious accommodation. Situated in the village of Little Laver in a mixed development of barns, a short drive from Matching Green. Exposed beams and timbers, enjoying a magnificent open plan kitchen and dining area. Available now.

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HOME STYLE

With Lesley Taylor

The humble house plant has grown to become big news in the world of interiors

Two years after the botanical trend made its way into homes, our passion for all things plant-like shows little sign of abating.

Take designer wallpaper manufacturer Harlequin for example. From sunflowers and ferns to wisteria and peonies, its collection is packed with fauna-inspired designs which will create a floral masterpiece wherever they are placed.

Add to that the plethora of plant prints, leafy cushions and curtains packed with petals and it's clear this trend is going to be blooming for some time.

But if you really want to get the botanical look in the home, there is one very simple, yet hugely effective way to go... buy some house plants.

FLOWER POWER

Introducing plants to the home will not only give your pad a boost in the style stakes, but they also bring with them mood-enhancing powers.

Plants are proven to help reduce stress and increase creativity, as well as helping to lower toxins in the air.

Take the English Ivy – the beautiful draping plant. Not only does it look stunning placed in the corner of a room, with all its draping leaves cascading down, or hung high from a kitchen ceiling, it is also said to be the top house plant for purifying air.

Got a pet? The Spider Plant – think thin leaves pointing at every angle – is non-toxic to animals and is pretty low-maintenance. Ideal if you're new to plant-keeping.

Head to your local garden centre and talk to one of the experts when it comes to picking your plants. But shop around for your pots. Lifestyle shops have jumped aboard the botanical trend and have stocked up on stunning pots to house your latest additions.

LIVING WALLS

This is a craze that has made the leap from corporate spaces to the home and, while some people may not be familiar with the term living wall, they soon will be.

The term is given to an entire wall covered by living plants and, while they look fabulous, their benefits go way beyond aesthetic appeal.

Not only do they help boost mood and increase productivity, the colours from a wall of living plants are so raw and natural in their

FANCY PLANTS



A minimalist white and grey bathroom with a vertical and succulent garden, wooden floor and pebbles

beauty, they react with light in ways that traditional interior décor can't even come close to.

However, one quick word of warning if you are thinking about putting a living wall in the home – always get expert advice from a company who installs them, such as I Want Plants.

I Want Plants' managing director Richard Rowlands says: "Plants and the irrigation system you need to keep them alive are heavy; so checks are needed to ensure the wall can take the load. Always find a company that is geared up for the job and has plenty of experience."

FAKE IT

Did you know artificial plants still have plenty of health benefits?

While they won't purify the air, they still help reconnect people to nature which in turn can increase mood. Plus, they are completely safe around pets and require absolutely no maintenance (except a quick dust).

But, most importantly, they look absolutely stunning. Gone are the days when you could spot a fake plant a mile off.

Today's crafts-people use the best materials and techniques to ensure their artificial alternatives look just as good as the real thing.

■ Lesley Taylor is the author of 10 interior design books and has appeared on a range of network TV shows giving inspirational advice on home styling.

GOING GREEN

■ If in doubt, fake it! Artificial plants look great and can help boost positivity

■ Give old plants a new lease of life with a new pot

■ Get creative – place plants everywhere including the walls and ceilings

■ Don't be afraid to ask for advice

■ The humble Spider Plant and Monstera Deliciosa – the 70s favourite – the Swiss Cheese Plant (pictured below) are perfect for those new to looking after plants.

■ Living walls are rising in popularity

■ Shop around for pots that fit with the rest of your scheme, or have a go at creating your own



If a living wall is a step too far, try multiple shelves laden with plants or baskets hanging from the ceiling, left. Upcycle old tins and containers to make pots like the ones below filled with bromeliads



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NEW



RIDGEWAYS, CHURCH LANGLEY £495,000

- Five Bedrooms
- Immaculate Throughout
- Driveway
- Three Receptions
- Detached Family Home
- West Facing Garden
- Ensuite To Master
- EPC Rating: TBC



NEW



WOODWARDS, HARLOW £275,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Well Presented
- Private Cul-De-Sac
- Middle Terrace House
- Desirable Area
- Low Maintenance Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC



STUNNING HOME

Westbury Rise, Church Langley £585,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Kitchen/Family Room
- Conservatory
- Detached House
- Double Detached Garage
- Immaculate Home
- EPC Rating: D



Stocksfield, Kelvedon Hatch £550,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Two Receptions
- Popular Location
- Detached Home
- Well Presented
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- EPC Rating: TBC



Chelsea Gardens, Church Langley £549,995

- Six Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower
- Garage & Drive
- Utility & W.C
- Riptide Swim Spa
- EPC Rating: TBC



CHAIN FREE

GLEBELANDS, HARLOW

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Chain Free
- Premier Location
- Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- EPC Rating: TBC

£499,995



THE CHASE, NEWHALL

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Stunning Home
- Garage & Parking
- End Terrace
- Two Bathrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- EPC Rating: C

£450,000



TICKENHALL DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached Home
- En-Suite Shower
- Westerly Garden
- EPC Rating: D

£434,995



SUNNY CROFT, HARLOW

- Five Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Utility Room
- Two En-Suite Shower Rooms
- Detached House
- Driveway For 4/5 Cars
- Westerly Garden
- EPC Rating: E

£424,995



PADDOCK MEAD, HARLOW

- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Well Presented
- Link Detached Home
- Ground Floor WC
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£400,000



CHAIN FREE

MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite Shower
- CHAIN FREE
- Semi Detached
- Town House
- Garage & Parking
- EPC Rating: C

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DUNSTALLS, HARLOW

£269,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Bathroom
- Outskirts Of Town
- Mid Terraced
- Immaculate Home
- Long Gardens
- EPC Rating: D



MOORFIELD, HARLOW

£264,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Modern Kitchen
- Chain Free
- Terraced House
- Cloakroom/WC
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



CHAIN FREE

Denby Grange, Church Langley

£367,500

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Chain Free
- Detached House
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



Mulberry Green, Old Harlow

£364,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Open Plan Living
- Parking Area
- End Of Terrace
- Pretty Cottage
- Private Location
- EPC Rating: B



Manor Road, Old Harlow

£359,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Long Gardens
- CHAIN FREE
- Semi Detached
- Conservatory
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: E



MONKSBRURY, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular Location
- Semi Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£350,000



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Cloakroom/WC
- Garage & Driveway
- End Of Terrace
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Current HMO
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C

£350,000



SWALLOWS, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Terraced House
- Close To Amenities
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£314,995



CHAIN FREE

LODGE HALL, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Kitchen/Diner
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Ground Floor WC
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£309,995



CHAIN FREE

WOODING GROVE, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- CHAIN FREE
- Current HMO
- Semi Detached
- 40ft Garden
- Close To Town
- EPC Rating: TBC

£289,995



CAHIN FREE

WESTFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Lounge/Diner
- Chain free
- Middle Terrace House
- Utility Room
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£280,000

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...A Selection Of Homes From Our Sales Portfolio...



CHAIN FREE

The Gardiners, Church Langley £280,000

- Two Bedrooms
- CHAIN FREE
- Two Parking Spaces
- Well Presented
- Middle Terrace
- Southerly Garden
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: TBC



Barn Mead, Harlow £279,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Westerly Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



Crossbill Way, Newhall £274,995

- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Open Plan Living
- Own Balcony
- Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: B



Great Auger Street, Newhall £265,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Sun Room
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Duplex Apartment
- Top Floor (2nd)
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: C



Little Pynchons, Harlow £245,000

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Outbuilding
- Close To Bush Fair
- Middle Terrace
- Overlooking Green
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



CHAIN FREE

Milwards, Harlow £239,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Chain Free
- Terraced House
- Ideal Investment
- Potential To Improve
- EPC Rating: C



PRIORITY COURT, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Garage En-Bloc
- Private Apartment
- First Floor
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC Rating: C

£229,995



CHAIN FREE

CHelsea GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Balcony
- Chain Free
- Second Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- First Floor
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C

£220,000



PRIORITY COURT, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Garage En-Bloc
- Private Apartment
- Top Floor
- Well Presented
- EPC Rating: TBC

£219,995



COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Lounge/Diner
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- Communal Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£215,000



ALEXANDRA ROAD, NEWHALL

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- Large Loft
- EPC Rating: B

£209,995



CHAIN FREE

PETERSWOOD, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Immaculate
- CHAIN FREE
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Communal Gardens
- EPC Rating: D

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TO LET

Stafford Mansions, London £2,250 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Courtyard Garden
- Available Early Sept
- Ground Floor
- Prestigious Apartment
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: D



TO LET

Malkin Drive, Church Langley £1,450 P.C.M

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite Shower
- Available End Sept
- Semi Detached
- Unfurnished
- Garage & Parking
- EPC Rating: C



TO LET

Challinor, Church Langley £1,300 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Garage & Parking
- Semi Detached
- Conservatory
- Available early OCT
- EPC Rating: D



TO LET

Turvin Crescent, Harlow £1,200 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Property
- Integrated Appliances
- Own Balcony
- Top Floor Apartment
- Garage & Parking
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: TBC



TO LET

Dovehouse Croft, Harlow £1,150 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Long Garden
- End Of Terrace
- Available 1st October
- Close To Shops
- EPC Rating: E



TO LET

Kingsland, Harlow £950 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Available October 2018
- Southerly Rear Garden
- Middle Terrace
- Immaculate Home
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: E



TO LET

SHERWOOD HOUSE, BUSH FAIR

- Two Bedrooms
- Available October 2018
- Modern Kitchen
- Close To Shops
- Second Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: D

£825 P.C.M



TO LET

COMMONS ROAD, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Recently Re-Decorated
- First Floor
- Unfurnished
- White Goods Available
- EPC Rating: TBC

£725 P.C.M



TO LET

SHERARDS ORCHARD, HARLOW

- One Double Bedroom
- Available NOW
- Lounge/Diner
- Juliette Balcony
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Unfurnished
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£725 P.C.M



LET AGREED

MORE NEEDED

DADSWOOD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Recently Redecorated
- Available Now
- Apartment
- Top Floor
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: C

£825 P.C.M



LET AGREED

MORE NEEDED

REGENCY COURT, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Furnished
- Available Now
- First Floor Flat
- Allocated Parking
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: B

£750 P.C.M



LET AGREED

MORE NEEDED

NICHOLLS FIELD, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Modern Kitchen
- Recently Decorated
- Available Beg September
- Fifth Floor
- Unfurnished
- Fees Apply
- EPC Rating: C

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Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom top floor flat on the outskirts of town in Church End. This property benefits from gas heating, spacious living throughout and is priced to let! EPC - C. Available NOW!

Church End

£675 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this spacious one bedroom flat in The Hides, with in a short walk from Harlow Town Center. This property benefits from gas heating, large bed room space and is close to shops and amenities. EPC - C. Available NOW.

The Hides

£695 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom, top floor flat in Parsonage Leys. This property benefits from gas heating, large living space and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - D. Available late October.

Parsonage Leys

£725 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this ground floor flat in Dads Wood. This property benefits from permit parking, ground floor, neutral decor and is close to the town center. EPC - C. Available NOW!

Dads Wood

£730 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this modern one bedroom flat in Sherards Orchard, Harlow. This property benefits from gas heating, large bedroom and is close to shops and amenities. EPC - D. Available NOW!

Sherards Orchard

£750 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this spacious two bedroom top floor flat that is in close proximity to the shops and amenities of staple Tye. The property benefits from double bedrooms, new double glazed windows and a new gas heating system. EPC - E. Available NOW!

Shawbridge

£825 PCM



Great starter home - One bedroom end of terrace with parking available end September. Property comprising entrance hallway, open plan lounge and kitchen, stairs to first floor, storage cupboard, double bedroom and bathroom. Benefits from gas central heating, neutral decor and parking. EPC - C. Available late September.

Coalport Close

£850 PCM



Guardian are pleased to present this well maintained one bedroom end of terrace house in Church Langley. The property comprises entrance hallway, storage cupboard, open plan fitted kitchen, lounge with patio doors overlooking private rear garden, stairs to first floor, double bedroom, newly installed bathroom and storage. EPC - D. Move in October.

Wedgewood Drive

£850 PCM



Guardian are delight to offer for rent this recently renovated two bedroom first floor flat in the Summers area of Harlow. Comprising entrance hallway, storage cupboard, newly fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedroom and modern bathroom this property is not to be missed. Other benefits include newly fitted carpets and gas heating. Awaiting EPC - Available NOW

Little Cattins

£900 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom ground floor flat in the sought after area of The Hill, Old Harlow. This property benefits from having its own rear garden, good sized bedrooms and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - D. Available late October.

The Hill

£900 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this large two bedroom maisonette with private garden in the Katherine's area of Harlow. The property is offered part furnished and is located in close proximity to shops and amenities. EPC - B. Available mid November

Mercers

£900 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer for rent this two bedroom mid terraced house in the popular area of Church Langley, Harlow. With neutral decor, private off street parking, modern bathroom suite and well maintained rear garden early viewing is recommended. EPC - C. Available late October.

Heathcote Gardens

£970 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom terraced home in the popular location of Hadley Grange, Church Langley. This property benefits from one allocated parking space, garage, gas heating, rear garden and is catchment to Church Langley Primary School. EPC - C. Available early October.

Hadley Grange

£1000 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this immaculate three bedroom property in the outskirts of Harlow in Taylifers. This property benefits from a modern kitchen and bathroom, large living space throughout, gas heating and a rear garden. EPC - D. Available late September.

Taylifers

£1150 PCM



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WHEELS

ROAD TEST: Jeep Compass 1.4 MultiAir by Jon Smith

AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Jeep Compass 1.4 MultiAir 4WD Auto
- **Price:** £32,595
- **Mechanical:** 168bhp, 1,368cc, 4cyl petrol engine, driving four wheels via automatic gearbox
- **Max speed:** 124mph
- **0-62mph:** 9.5 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 40.0
- **Insurance group:** 21
- **CO2 emissions:** 160g/km
- **BiK rating:** 34%
- **Warranty:** 5 years/100,000 miles

MAKING A POINT

A famous name, a rich heritage and now under the guiding hand of the Fiat empire, Jeep has regrouped and is hauling itself towards a brighter future.

And the models that are making most ground are the small SUVs rather than the traditional hulks powered by mighty engines.

The nifty Renegade, based on the Fiat 500, is a runaway success and now the American icon is hoping the new mid-range Compass will follow suit.

In usual crossover fashion, there's a diesel range but it is the petrol version which could become a best seller, one of which we drive here.

The 1.4-litre petrol is available in two states of tune – 138bhp and 168bhp. The more powerful version is turbocharged and ours was fitted with a nine-speed automatic gearbox and four wheel drive.

About the size of a Peugeot 3008 or a Nissan Qashqai, the Compass is an attractively designed high-rider with plenty of Jeep styling cues, including the trademark seven-slot grille.

The cabin is roomier enough four four or maybe five and there's ample head and legroom.

Many of the functions are controlled through the central touchscreen but there are various buttons and switches nearby.

Materials used are decent quality and there's an air of robustness about the Jeep. Door pockets are quite narrow so space for oddments in the cabin is at a premium.

The boot platform is quite high set but has an adjustable floor.

It offers up to 438 litres of cargo space which is less than either the VW Tiguan or the 3008 but similar to that of the Qashqai.

The Compass is several

inches longer than the Renegade and the extra space benefits the passengers with better legroom, particularly in the back.

There is no shortage of safety features on the Limited model with six airbags, forward collision warning, blind-spot monitoring and rear cross-path detection all standard.

The large 8.4-inch touchscreen incorporates Apple CarPlay and Android Auto as well as vehicle settings and sat-nav. Leather trim is a standard feature in the Limited.

The 1.4 turbo is a treat with low noise levels and plenty of mid-range urge. It's pretty nippy too, with 62mph coming up in under 10 seconds. The automatic gearbox does a good job of changing smoothly and effortlessly.

Owners will be impressed with the level of refinement, compared to the diesel but

may not be quite so pleased if they check out the fuel gauge.

My average was 34mpg over a 500 mile period – the official combined figure is 40.9mpg with emissions of 160g/km.

Despite being a competent off-roader, unlike the band

of faux four-wheel-drives, the Compass has capable handling and good road-holding on normal roads. There's only limited body roll when pushing on and bump suppression is better than average.

Ride standard is up there with the best but there's a bit

too much road noise passed back into the cabin from the tyres.

It's good to see Jeep once again represented in this busy arena but the competition is stiff. Nevertheless the characterful American icon is sure to draw a strong following.





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WHEELS

ROAD TEST: Citroen C1 Airscape Feel VTi by David Ward

QUIRKY AND CLEVER



Citroen are up to their quirky best again with the latest version of their City car – the C1 – which remains an affordable run around small family hatchback some 13 years since it first appeared.

It's still made alongside the Toyota Aygo and its group sister rival Peugeot 107 at the same factory in Kolin in the Czech Republic and whilst mechanically they share many components each are different in terms of looks and interior fittings and furnishings. Citroen have gone that extra mile in making this latest C1 different even now offering what they call an Airscape version complete with a retractable black folding fabric roof – reminiscent of the iconic little 2CV decades ago.

Still with a choice of three- or five-doors there's now just one three-cylinder 72bhp petrol engine in the range with the entry-level Touch trim model coming in at £9,185 on-the-road while the cheapest Airscape Feel trim version (tested here) starts at £12,635.

With the chance for some real fresh air motoring with that fabric roof pushed back the Airscape (only available as a five-door) also economically benefits drivers like other models in the range with a CO₂ of 93g/km, insurance group of 9E, first year VED of only £125 and capable of a combined fuel consumption figure of 68.9mpg.

Fuel consumption on test didn't quite reach that figure but an average of 61.6mpg while for a three-cylinder engine it was

remarkably quiet and refined compared to several three-cylinder units in some rival small cars.

Yes and like those others the driver needs to accelerate hard to pick up a decent speed, particularly with a couple of other adults on board, but with sensible use of the light and precise feeling five-speed gear change it's not hard work or uncomfortable.

This C1 has improved suspension over the earlier models and it shows out on the road where it's agile, feels secure and does the job in a reasonable amount of comfort and even out at motorway speeds the wind and tyre noise are not too intrusive.

As it's labelled a city car that is where it really excels nipping in and out heavy traffic and when it comes to parking in those tight city/supermarket car parks it's so manoeuvrable with a good turning circle – two crucial assets in such circumstances. The car has all round good vision too including nice slim 'A' pillars and low body waistline.

Interiorwise Citroen are renown for offering something different and quirky compared to others and this latest C1 is no exception – there are so many different options it must be mind-boggling at first glance for most would-be buyers.

The infotainment system is easy to use with its seven-inch touch screen and the Airscape has plenty of mod cons on board as standard such as air conditioning, DAB digital radio/MPS audio, Bluetooth and USB socket.

There are more standard safety features on all models compared to original versions and these include anti-lock brakes, ESC, cornering stability control, hill assist start and front lateral and curtain airbags.

The actual boot space is 196 litres, decent enough for such a small car, while on the Airscape the rear seats split 50/50 and fold down flat to offer more space as a two-seater car.

Head, shoulder and leg room in the front is decent too although naturally the rear seats are a little cramped for two adult-sized passengers and more suited to young children.

The grey 'wave' cloth seat covers make a pleasant change to what is often cheaper material used in city cars and overall the ambience of the interior is pleasantly different from rivals too – again another aspect of the usual quirky nature with Citroen cars.

The real benefit of the Airscape is of course the retractable roof, available in the colours of grey, black or blue, which is great when the weather is fine and even then with it electrically rolled back the occupants are not too buffeted about by the wind.

Of the three city cars made in the same factory the C1 stands out because it looks different from the outside and inside just has the edge on refinements and overall styling.

Certainly opt for a five-door over a three-door model in any trim level because having those two rear doors makes for such easy

access in and out for rear seat passengers – and go for the Airscape with that retractable roof.

AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Citroen C1 Airscape Feel VTi 72
- **Price:** £12,365
- **Mechanical:** 72bhp 998cc, 3cyl petrol engine driving the front wheels through five-speed manual gearbox
- **Max speed:** 99mph
- **0 to 62mph:** 12.6 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 68.9
- **Insurance group:** 9E
- **CO₂ emissions:** 93g/km
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MOTORING NEWS: Hyundai Kona Electric by Chris Russon

ELECTRIC REVELATION

When it comes to electric cars there's only two factors that really matter – the price and the range.

Hyundai must think it's hit the jackpot with its new Kona Electric – a battery powered compact SUV which even in top specification trim can be had for £31,795 if you factor in the £4,500 grant for low emission vehicles and has a claimed range of 300 miles on a single charge.

That puts the Kona in the same league as the likes of Tesla and Jaguar's I-PACE when it comes to distance – but at half the cost.

And to prove the point, Hyundai has just staged the Kona Electric rally – a challenge to see how far can be travelled overnight in an electric vehicle.

The answer is 443 miles if our effort in the Kona Electric was anything to go by, and that was with some 53 miles of available range left according to the onboard trip computer.

Pretty impressive stuff and our run from Waddesdon Manor near

Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire took us out to Skegness in Lincolnshire and then into the wilds of East Anglia. Two quick charge top ups were required which took 90 minutes out of our travel time – and £20 out of our pockets – but apart from that we were on the road for the best part of 12 hours non-stop.

And the Kona didn't miss a beat as we criss-crossed the countryside first to Silverstone then on to Bletchley and Cambridge before heading north along the A14 and A1 to Grantham for our first stop and recharge.

At the start of the event the Kona was fully charged and showing 300 miles range. By the time we got to Grantham we had covered 183.9 miles and the car was telling us it had 37 per cent charge left and had averaged some 4.2 miles per kilowatt hour so far.

A 45 minute hook up to a fast charger replenished the battery to 78 per cent giving us 235 miles to play with and off we went to Skegness. From there it was on to King's Lynn in Norfolk for a second

top up, arriving with 78 miles remaining and 307.4 miles on the clock, although energy consumption had fallen slightly to 4.1 miles per kWh.

After that it was out into the north Norfolk countryside to Swaffham then time to head back to Waddesdon via Milton Keynes where a third quick charge proved abortive resulting in a need for some high speed work to return home within the time set for the event.

That didn't appear to upset the Kona at all, although it reduced overall energy consumption to 3.9 miles per kWh and left us with just 17 per cent of battery charge.

Even allowing for that fast run from Milton Keynes that equated to a range of some 250 miles from the Kona's 64kWh battery – and up until then it had been closer to 270 miles in everyday use. As such the Kona Electric can travel easily up to 100 miles more than the likes of a Nissan Leaf or the VW e-Golf putting Hyundai in pole position among the current crop of affordable EVs.

The Kona Electric can also be had in SE trim with a 39KWh battery from £24,995 including the Government grant, although that version has a claimed range of 194 miles. The Premium SE models lack for little in terms of equipment and come with a head-up driver's display, fully automatic LED headlamps and leather heated and ventilated seats as well as sat nav and a Krell audio system which are fitted as standard on all versions.

The electric Kona has a different interior to the rest of the Kona line up which includes a new look to the centre console with push button controls for the gears and the electric parking brake which also has a useful auto-hold function.

There are also changes to the instrumentation to provide EV information such as power flow as well as the electric trip read outs.

Other than that it is the same as the regular petrol or diesel powered models although boot capacity at 332 litres is less than the 361 available in non-electric versions to make way for the

battery pack.

On the performance front the Kona Electric Premium SE is rated at 7.6 seconds 0 to 60 which makes it the quickest of all Konas but top speed is down to 104mph.

A full recharge of the 64kWh battery takes nine hours and 35 minutes and an 80 per cent charge from a fast charger takes 75 minutes – and that's about right if our exploits are anything to go by.

What is impressive is the way the electric car handles. It feels much more composed and less unsettled over poor surfaces than the combustion engined versions – and the acceleration can be very brisk if needed.

Officially the 64kWh Kona Electric is rated at 4.7 miles per kWh of electricity and until we started to drive at motorway speeds that appeared to be within reach with the car showing a best consumption figure of 4.6 miles per kWh just before we left Cambridge.

What the Kona Electric rally did exhibit was the poor infrastructure state of charging points currently available.

At Grantham services on the A1 there were just two, four where we stopped at King's Lynn and in Milton Keynes – where there's many a charger – the one we were directed to failed to deliver and could not be fixed in time.

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WHEELS

TEST DRIVE: Jaguar XF by Jon Smith

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In these straitened times we have come to realise that posh badges aren't everything. All around, cut-price names and budget stores are thriving while many well-known prestige brands struggle.

But there are exceptions to every rule. The name Jaguar is synonymous with British motor racing heritage and quality sporting cars...and it's good to see the marque thriving and making deep inroads into the heartland of the established German prestige trio – Mercedes, BMW and Audi.

The XF is at the core of Jaguar's business – a luxury, sports saloon that's the spiritual successor to the S-Type, itself a descendent to the great Mark Two saloon of the Sixties.

I drove the XF 2.0d R-Sport, a cossetting express that combines swift acceleration and a 150mph-plus max with economy that can rival a family hatchback.

Powered by a 2.0-litre twin turbo diesel four cylinder, it could easily be mistaken for a petrol version, such is its refinement and general quietness.

Matched to a silky eight-speed automatic gearbox complete with steering wheel paddles it delivers a smooth flow of power with scarcely detectable changes.

Unless you've been fortunate to sit behind the wheel of a Ferrari or a Porsche, you are unlikely to have encountered such perfect steering as that in the XF.

It's well weighted with a precise turn-in and tells you as much about the road as is possible without actually getting out of the car and crawling on the ground.

With standard four wheel drive and a 50/50 weight distribution, handling and road holding is a match for any of its rivals. Despite its considerable size, the XF R-Sport with its wide alloys and low profile rubber can move



confidently into bends with the sort of enthusiasm normally reserved for hot hatches.

Bump suppression is good but could be still better if the wheels were marginally smaller diameter and the tyre profile was less extreme.

Although it's a large car at nearly five metres long, it appears smaller

thanks to clever tricks by designer Ian Callum.

Cabin space in the front is more than ample but legroom in the rear is a tad cramped if the rear seat are carrying three adults.

The passenger environment is restrained but stylish in typical British fashion. Flashes of aluminium lift the sweeping fascia

which is dominated by a touchscreen in the middle. It is more muted luxury than outright opulence and probably suits the car's nature.

The boot is really spacious with 560 litre of luggage room but it's shallow with a relatively small aperture through which to lift cargo. Despite giving way to the temptation of press-on driving I averaged 37mpg during the drive which compares with an official combined consumption of 51.4mpg.

Standard kit is generous enough and includes mood lighting, heated door mirrors, twin zone climate control, lane departure warning and front/rear parking sensors. The car came with electric sliding sunroof, which was a worthwhile extra at £990, and power boot lid which at £665 was not.

Great to look at and even better to drive, the XF proves why the big sports saloon is still thriving.

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17/67	Vauxhall Corsa 1.4 Design 5dr	Silver	8543	£9490
14/14	Ford Focus Diesel 2.0 TDCi 163 Titanium X Powershift 5dr	Red	33596	£9999
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17/67	Vauxhall Corsa 1.4T [100] SRi Vx-line 3dr	Grey	5705	£10990
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17/67	Vauxhall Astra 1.4T 16V 150 SRi Nav 5dr	Blue	4412	£13990
16/66	Vauxhall Astra 1.4T 16V 150 Elite 5dr	White	8671	£13999
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2013 (63) Vauxhall Mokka 1.6 Black, Alloy Wheels, Air Con, Remote Locking, Heated leather seats, Cruise Control, Parking Sensors, Remote Locking, E/Windows, E/Mirrors, CD Player, 29,000 Miles only,
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2011 (11) Nissan Micra, 1.2, Blue, Alloy Wheels, Air Con, Cruise Control, Parking sensors, Remote locking, E/Windows, E/Mirrors, CD player, 16,000 Miles only
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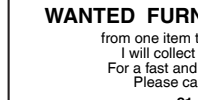
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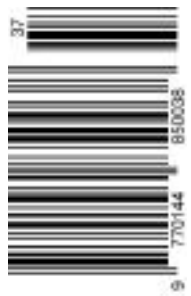
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Rams are raided by Norwich in home reverse

HARLOW were put under the cosh by Norwich for large periods of their opening London Two North East game, but did well to keep the visitors at bay and concede just four tries in a 29-12 defeat.

A well struck 35 metre penalty from Mike Lawton got the visitors started inside ten minutes as Norwich set up camp in the Harlow half.

The first Norwich try came from some strong counter-rucking from the forwards to turn the ball over and Paul Mickelthwaite dived over in the corner. Lawton landed the conversion.

Harlow were reduced to 14 men when the replacement back slapped down a final pass aimed at Conan Hoey on the left wing who was clear to score about 15 metres out.

Norwich opted for the scrum, a facet of the game where they enjoyed dominance all afternoon, and they went blind passing to Hoey who rounded the defence to score. Lawton added the conversion.

The visitors scored again when Chris Parrott weaved his way around several attempted tackles to score an excellent solo try that Lawton converted.

With half-time looming, Harlow finally began to exert some pressure on the Norwich line from a penalty to the corner,



Action from Harlow's match against Norwich Photo: MARTINE XERRI

forcing a turnover.

A pass back over the line went loose and the hosts gratefully accepted the gift, diving on it to score.

The conversion was slotted over to cut the deficit to 24-7.

Harlow did well to restrict the visitors to just five points in the second half, especially after losing their hooker to the bin for

coming round the wrong side of the ruck and kicking the ball away.

The hosts went down fighting and scored their second try when they stretched the Norwich defence wide on the left and evaded the tackles.

The conversion was missed.

Norwich again forced play back to the Harlow line and

finally the pressure told and a more patient build up allowed Tristan Smith to score in the left corner.

HARLOW have been recognised as one of the country's best clubs after winning the Facility Development of the Year award at the Crabtree's National Rugby Awards at Twickenham.

The club realised its 20-year dream last September as they moved into their £6million facility in Latton Park that brings men's, women's and junior rugby together.

Chairman Tracey Wedd said: "This is amazing because it's the culmination of many, many years of hard work at Harlow Rugby Club."

Promotion hope ended

HARLOW Town Cricket Club's tremendous run of eight wins in their last 11 games came to an end at home to South Woodford on Saturday.

A fragile batting performance saw Town settling for fourth in Kent Cricket League Division Two of the Essex League, and the visitors taking third spot.

Both sides had an outside chance of promotion before the start of the afternoon, but Town's total of just 78 wasn't going to give their bowling attack much chance to recover the situation.

As it turned out, a score of 150 may well have been enough to take the honours with Woodford struggling to get the required total, losing four wickets in the process against Ben Eversden (2-11), Dan Farmer (1-7) and Suraj Chauhan (1-12).

This was a slightly disappointing end to the season but a better start and a bit more consistency could well have seen the team ending with promotion.

McCree back in fourth

AT THE Harlow parkrun, Danny McCree finished in fourth place out of 233 finishers in 20min 26sec.

He was followed by Andy Kitson sixth and first Vet 40 in 20:47, Alan Broughton ninth and first Vet 50 in 21:28, Lee Weber 19th in 22:58, Catherine Ridge 25th and first female in 23:40, Roy Steven 26th and first Vet 60 in 23:45, Graham Saville 29th and second Vet 60 in 24:28.

Alan Coates came home in 30th and was third Vet 60 in 24:30, Andy Smith 31st in 24:31, Steve Cowlin 32nd in 24:34, Laura Prime 34th and second female in 24:47, Jon Wickings 44th in 25:40, Craig Segal 46th in 26:00, Alan Wellbelove 48th in 26:06, Ayshea Pite 50th and third female in 26:12 (PB), Martin Westley 57th in 26:35, Vanessa Bull 58th in 26:36, Martin Elven 60th in 26:50, Robin Lozeau 65th in 27:08.

Hawks pay penalty in FA Cup defeat

Spot-kick deep in extra-time sees side crash out

By Callum Hibberd

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A LATE penalty sent Harlow Town crashing out of the FA Cup as they lost 2-1 to a stubborn Hendon side in their first round qualifying replay on Tuesday night.

Romario Jonas opened the scoring for Hendon in the 76th minute. With Harlow staring down the barrel of a fourth consecutive home defeat, JJ Da Cruz equalised with a powerful header, sending the tie into extra-time.

But it wasn't to be for Harlow though, who despite being a man up since the 61st minute, threw away the £6,000 prize money up for grabs by conceding an 118th minute penalty.

Chances were few and far between in the first half but there

was a heart-in-mouth moment for home fans in the 26th minute when a long clearance from Hendon keeper Danny Boness had to be cleared by his opposite number Josh Bexon.

With the half-time whistle beckoning, captain Lee Chappell crossed to Matty Newman, but his hooked volley went over and wide.

Starting again in the first team after scoring in Saturday's 1-1 draw, Christian Adu Gyamfi shot just wide immediately after the re-start.

Hendon should have gone ahead in the 61st minute when Tyriq Hunte put over a cross. However, Da Cruz (pictured) and Rodgers both left it, and Stephane Ngamvoulou somehow couldn't head it in from close range.

The chance should have given Hendon the incentive to really



kick on, but that was scuppered by the second yellow shown to Prince Mbengui for a mistimed challenge on Simms.

Despite being a man down, the visitors went a goal up with 14 minutes to go through centre-half Jonas.

Hawks boss Danny Chapman responded by bringing on Alex Clark for Jason Raad.

Someone needed to produce a

moment of magic for the hosts and it was 18-year-old Yanick Kissi who stepped up.

The left-back has been deserving of a first assist all season, and finally got it, his superb whipped cross being met by a diving Da Cruz.

Harlow went on an onslaught two minutes into extra-time.

Blocked

First, Da Cruz's powerful shot was well saved by Boness, then Clark had a shot blocked from close range, forcing a corner. This corner forced another, from which Da Cruz should've scored from, somehow completely failing to connect with Charlie Edwards' delivery.

Despite being a man down, Hendon were ramping up the pressure and Harlow were holding on.

In the 117th minute, the ball

was played long. German tried to chase it down, but Rodgers got there first and nodded it down to his partner Da Cruz.

Da Cruz tried to smash it for a clearance, but it ricocheted off German, who chased the ball down and was clipped by keeper Bexon in the box and the referee awarded a penalty.

German dusted himself down to calmly slot home.

As two minutes of added time were indicated, Vaughan went came close, receiving a through ball on the left edge of the box before drilling wide.

A corner shortly after was headed around the box, and although Gyamfi eventually pounced, Tingey performed a heroic block on the goalline.

Harlow are at home again this Saturday, hosting Corinthian-Casuals (3pm kick-off).

More misery for Harlow

HARLOW Cricket Club's season finished on a very mixed note, with defeats for the second and fourth teams condemning them to relegation, along with the first XI who went down the previous week.

There was a final flourish from the first team, who beat Oakfield Parkonians.

The hosts scored 196 all out after opting to bat, Mitchell Howarde returning a season's best haul of 5-40 in 16 overs.

In reply Harlow scored 198-7 off 35.1 overs. Jake Messenger top scored with 37, alongside Andre Riddell (35) and Ryan Jessey (33).